

Lebanese army, leftists clash

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese army clashed Monday with leftist Shi'ite Muslim gunmen in Beirut's southern suburbs and some civilians were wounded in the crossfire, Beirut Radio reported. The state-run radio said the fighting, in which light and heavy weapons were used, erupted after army units were attacked by gunmen operating in the Shi'ite suburbs. A Reuters correspondent in the area reported constant sounds of explosions and rifle fire. Fighting between the Lebanese army and anti-government militiamen has continued sporadically despite a Sept. 26 ceasefire. The main battle zones have been relatively quiet since last week when a Lebanese military delegation visited Damascus to seek ways of consolidating the truce. The radio said the army also came under snipe fire and rocket-propelled grenades from mainly Druze militias in the hills east of Beirut. There was no information on casualties.



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Qasem receives Iraqi message

AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem received in his office Monday Iraqi Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Ismat Kittani who conveyed to him a verbal message from Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz on recent developments in the Arab and international arena, and Iraq's position towards them, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. The two sides discussed ways for facing the current "deteriorating situation in the Arab World and co-operation between the two countries in joint political action for healing Arab differences," Petra said. The meeting was attended by Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Walid Tash, Jordanian Ambassador to Iraq Saleh Al Kabaritti and Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shuja Sultan. Mr. Kittani, accompanied by the head of the Arab Affairs Department at the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, arrived in Amman earlier Monday.

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More than 2,000 wounded in Tripoli

GENEVA (R) — Some 2,047 people have been wounded in fighting between rival Palestinian forces in the northern Lebanese town of Tripoli, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said here Monday. An ICRC spokesman said the figure covered the period from Nov. 3 to 19. The ICRC reported last Sunday from Lebanon it had recorded 500 dead in the fighting. It initially had said there were at least 450 dead.

Junblatt, FLN chief confer

PARIS (R) — Walid Junblatt, president of the Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party, met Mohammed Cherif Messadia, permanent secretary of the Algerian FLN party, in Algiers Monday, the Algerian news agency APS received in Paris said. Mr. Junblatt, who was accompanied by a large delegation, discussed "the latest developments on the Lebanese scene, notably in the light of the painful events presently being suffered by the Lebanese and Palestinian causes," the agency said.

Ethiopia rejects Sudanese accusation

ADDIS ABABA (R) — Ethiopia Monday described as a deplorable provocation Sudanese charges that it was massing troops for an attack. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the accusation was a cover for the Sudanese government's self-inflicted calamities. Khartoum accused Ethiopia Sunday of concentrating its forces on the Sudan frontier for a cross-border attack.

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Suez Canal tolls to go up

CAIRO (R) — Egypt will declare a small rise in tolls for 1984 for ships using the Suez Canal within a week. Suez Canal Authority Chairman Moshour Ahmad Moshour was quoted as saying by the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) Monday. MENA gave no details except to say Mr. Moshour added the rise would "correspond with world prices."

Clark sworn in as interior secretary

WASHINGTON (R) — Former White House National Security Affairs Adviser William Clark was sworn in Monday as secretary of the interior at a private ceremony attended by President Reagan, the White House announced. Mr. Clark was confirmed last week by the Senate on a 71-18 vote. Some of those opposed to his appointment said they were voting against the Reagan administration's policies governing national resources rather than against Mr. Clark personally. The former California judge is a close friend of Mr. Reagan.

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Partial ceasefire eases bombardments Battle moves closer to centre of Tripoli

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — The battle between rival Palestinian factions moved closer Monday to the centre of this northern Lebanese port city, but a partial ceasefire eased the heavy bombardments of recent days.

Eyewitnesses said Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels penetrated during the night to between 600 and 1,500 metres of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's city centre headquarters, tightening the noose on the besieged loyalists. Arafat aides said the rebel advance had cut their last links with pockets of loyalist guerrillas still fighting around the Baddawi refugee camp northeast of the battered city.

Arafat expresses thanks for King's efforts to end fighting

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday received a cable from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, now besieged by rebels in the north Lebanese city of Tripoli, expressing thanks for the King's efforts to end the inter-Palestinian fighting, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Following is the full text of the message: "I send you this cable from inside besieged Tripoli when all parts of the city are being attacked by Syrian and Libyan forces with the aid of their agents. The city and the refugee camps are being rocketed and shelled by heavy artillery. The attacking forces are now advancing in various axes: The Baddawi Camp/Mankubiah, the coastal road, Qubbeh, and the Tabaneh axis. "The new development in today's attack is Syrian bombardment of Qubbeh and Tabaneh, where only the popular militias of the Lebanese Islamic and national patriotic forces are based. The heavy, indiscriminate shelling by 154 heavy artillery guns and 90 rocket launchers has turned the city into a spot lost in fire and smoke, in addition to the non-ceasing explosions whose targets are Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) and its legitimate leadership, in a new Kharaba massacre. "Regardless of the sufferings we are undergoing, I find myself in this sorrowful situation under an obligation to express appreciation for your responsible effort, and agree to every goodwill initiative you undertake to save Tripoli the massacre that is approaching, and its people more bloodshed. "With my best regards, esteem and good wishes, Your Brother Yasser Arafat, PLO chairman."

Refugee leaders reject Israeli 'resettlement' plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Palestinian leaders of the Dheishah refugee camp near Bethlehem said Monday an Israeli plan to resettle them in alternative housing was a ruse to break the political unity of the Palestinian people.

Hassan Abed Anjawd told a press conference: "We are not looking for better housing but for a political solution to our problem" and said not one of the estimated 6,000 camp residents would take part in the plan. On Sunday, minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat disclosed a six-year plan to resettle some 30,000 Palestinians living in West Bank refugee camps into new apartment blocks and houses. Palestinian students refused to attend classes at Al Najah University in Nablus because of Israeli roadblocks set up near the institution, Israel Radio said.

U.S. Marine commander not planning retaliatory raid for Beirut bombing

BEIRUT (R) — The new commander of the U.S. Marines in Beirut said Monday he was not aware of any plans for a retaliatory bombing raid for the Oct. 23 explosion which killed 239 U.S. servicemen in Beirut.

Both France and Israel have bombed targets in Lebanon for attacks on their troops and many anticipated a U.S. attack. Brigadier-General James Joy, commander of the Marine contingent in the four-nation Beirut peace force, told reporters such a decision would be made at a higher level, but he stated: "I am not aware of any plans."

He did state the rule of engagement that firing back must be timely and proportionate. But he would not speculate whether that ruled out a bombing raid one month later.

Gen. Joy, 48, of Conception, Missouri, commands the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU), which arrived last week to replace the 24th MAU as part of the Multi-National Force in Beirut.

ance had cut their last links with pockets of loyalist guerrillas still fighting around the Baddawi refugee camp northeast of the battered city.

A rebel statement in Damascus Monday proclaimed an immediate, unilateral ceasefire, but Tripoli residents said the worst of the shelling on civilian areas had already ended by 6 a.m. (0400 GMT).

On the battle front along the main coast road out of the city to the north, rebel and loyalist guerrillas exchanged artillery and automatic rifle fire beyond the 1 p.m. (1100 GMT) deadline announced by the rebels.

Scores of civilians took advantage of the relative lull to flee south in anticipation of renewed fighting. A few shops opened and light traffic reappeared on the streets.

Gunfire from rebel-held hills inland echoed over the short stretch of no-man's land between the two sides.

As the shelling eased around the city of 500,000, two Palestinian groups made a fresh attempt to stop the fighting and spare any further death and destruction there.

The two groups, George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), called on the rival Palestinian armies to "observe the (Nov. 9) ceasefire... and resort to the principle of democratic dialogue."

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Syria blasts French raids

DAMASCUS (R) — Damascus Radio Monday attacked France's leaders for staging air strikes in Lebanon and said they wanted to reimpose French imperialism on the Arab World.

"Aggressive and provocative air raids" would not intimidate Syria and were "a useless method," the state-controlled radio said in a commentary.

French warplanes last week struck strongholds of pro-Iranian Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim militiamen in Syrian-held territory in reprisal for the suicide bombings that killed almost 300 U.S. and French peacekeeping troops in Beirut.

"It would be useful to the socialist rulers of France to remember the foolishness of previous French socialist governments in the Arab region," the radio said. "This might make them realise the blunder of trailing after the United States."

"These rulers must remember that a few planes and scores of soldiers... cannot reverse the wheel of history and they cannot regain French imperialism's influence and presence in the region."

Tehran urges quick end to Fateh fighting

TEHRAN (R) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Vellayati said Monday his country hoped fighting between supporters and opponents of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat would end as soon as possible.

"We hope that these clashes would end as soon as possible and the Palestinian fighters will put all their might into confronting their real enemies, Israel and the United States," Mr. Vellayati said.

The leader of the rebels inside Mr. Arafat's Fateh guerrilla group, Abu Musa, was quoted by the London-based magazine the Middle East this month as saying that Iran and Libya, but not Syria, were giving him movement money.

"I will not hide that we have received financial assistance from Iran. It is an honour for us to take from an Islamic state that calls for the liberation of Palestine," the magazine quoted Abu Musa as saying.

Iraqis destroy 7 'naval targets'

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said its forces Monday destroyed seven "enemy" ships sailing from Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal and shot down one Iranian fighter plane.

A military spokesman, quoted by Baghdad Radio, did not identify what type of vessels were involved. He referred only to seven "enemy naval targets" but said they had been sailing from Kharg Island, in the Gulf, to the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini.

The military spokesman said Iraqi planes had shot down an American-made Iranian F-14 fighter during a "dogfight" (air battle) later.

"Early this morning, our naval units detected several enemy naval targets sailing from the Iranian oil terminal of Kharg towards Bandar Khomeini port," he said.

"With great co-ordination between our navy and air force, seven of the targets were destroyed," he added.

The spokesman said the Iranians then sent several fighter planes to the area.

"Our fighters, in a dogfight, downed at 09:54 hours (0654 GMT) today, an F-14 jet over the Behravan area, east of Khour Mousa. It was seen falling in flames into the sea," the military spokesman said.

Iraq has said on several occasions that its forces attacked ships headed for the port of Bandar Khomeini.

Iraq and Iran said Sunday their forces were engaged in fierce fighting after the Iranians launched a new attack in the Penjin area.

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Jordan will not submit to terrorism or blackmail, King Hussein declares

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday strongly condemned the "despicable terrorist acts and cheap blackmail resorted to by certain regimes and organisations known for their treacherous affiliations and enmity to the Palestinian people."

Jordan, the King pointed out in an address during the graduation ceremony of the 34th batch of leadership and staff officers, "is and will always remain strong and safeguarded and all criminal acts committed against our people and homeland will lead to nothing but strengthening the unity of our family and reinforce our steadfastness."

"Those who are behind such terrorist practices deserve our contempt and due merciless punishment," King Hussein added.

"The stability and prosperity of Jordan will not be affected by the devilish deeds of a bunch of immoral few who have sold their souls to the enemy," he said. "Every Jordanian citizen will act through awareness and patriotic stance, as guard to his country and a volunteer that defends his country hand in hand with the Armed Forces and the Public Security which defend our homeland and protect it from aggression and terrorism."

On the fighting in north Lebanon, King Hussein said: "The inter-Arab fighting in Lebanon,

which preoccupies them (the Palestinians) with marginal differences and conflicts created by opportunists, only serves Israel's ends and meets with its aggressive policies and settlement plans halfway to annexing the occupied territories and evacuating their people."

The King also denounced the positions adopted by certain Arab regimes in support of Iran's aggression against Iraq, and said that it has never occurred to any Arab that the Syrian and Libyan positions (supporting Iran) are "ideologically against the teachings of Islam and the provisions of Arab brotherhood."

"It is no coincidence," King Hussein added, "that this role played by Syria and Libya is evident in the massacre of Palestinians in the Nahr Al Bared and Baddawi camps (near Tripoli in north Lebanon) as well as in Tripoli. The criminal and dangerous nature of the present conspiracy has no less negative impact and is in no way different from the Sabra and Shatila massacres. Hence a collective Arab stance against the criminals and those behind them should be endorsed for putting an end to their aggression."

The King also wondered, "How it could be pardoned that some Arab regimes adopt a hostile stand to the Arab Nation?" He said Jordan has never given

up its principled stand and consistently rejected to adopt an observer position towards the conspiracy against Palestine and the Palestinian people. "Jordan has always been a zealous defender of Palestinian rights, and has, stage by stage, lived the sufferings of the Palestinian people ever since the early days of Palestinian resistance to Zionism, in which the Jordanian people contributed the lives of Jordanian martyrs," he said.

"Jordan is the defence line for Palestine, the land and the people, and is a solid wall protecting the Arab Nation against the expansionist Zionist ambitions," the King stressed, "and while defending Palestine we are defending the Arab Nation and ourselves as well."

"There is no difference between the interests of the Palestinians and the Jordanians," he said, "as the two peoples are mutually affected by the same dangers and their present and future are intertwined by relations of intrinsic nature and lasting impact."

"Jordan has been among the first of those who sensed the dangers behind the partition of the Arab World in the early years of the present century, and has been at the head of those who confronted this partition, to which it fell a victim too," the King added.

King briefs Canadian team on Mideast

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday briefed a Canadian parliamentary delegation on the current state of affairs of the Palestinian question and other Middle East problems, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

The King, during a meeting at the Royal Court, told the Canadian team that the crux of the Middle East problem is the Palestinian question. Petra said.

King Hussein also briefed the visitors on the current situation in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories and the oppressive Israeli measures imposed on the Palestinians living under occupation, the agency said.

The King also explained to the delegation Israel's settlement activities in the occupied territories and reiterated Jordan's stand that seizure of territory through war or

the use of force contravened United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

He said Resolution 242 demanded that Israel withdraw from occupied Arab lands and also guaranteed the Palestinian people the right of self-determination on their homeland.

King Hussein and the delegation also reviewed the situation in Lebanon and the King briefed the parliamentarians on the dangers resulting from the continued Iranian aggression against Iraq in the 37-month-old Gulf war, Petra said.

Canadians meet Qasem

Earlier Monday Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem received in his office the Canadian delegation, which arrived in Jordan

More than 100 arrested as Bonn debates missiles

BONN (R) — Police detained at least 100 people Monday in clashes with about 3,000 demonstrators as parliament debated plans to deploy new U.S. missiles in West Germany.

Hundreds of police sealed off parliament and the nearby office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl and used water cannon on protesters who tried to break through their ranks.

Police said about 100 people were briefly detained and several were slightly injured in scuffles during attempts to clear the main north-south highway through Bonn.

Further clashes were reported outside police headquarters, several hundred metres along the

road, where a spokesman said some demonstrators had penetrated the courtyard but had been forced out.

The road, where huge traffic jams had built up, was eventually cleared by frequent bursts from the water cannon.

Chancellor Kohl told parliament deployment of 108 Pershing-2 and 96 cruise missiles in West Germany had to begin because the Soviet Union had turned down countless Western offers at the Geneva disarmament talks and made what he described as excessive demands.

His coalition government is expected to carry a vote in favour of the missiles when the debate ends Tuesday evening.

Trudeau assigns envoys to Moscow and Peking

DHAKA (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said Sunday he had sent emissaries to Moscow and Peking as a part of his peace plans to halt the arms race.

He also said he met a senior Soviet official in Tokyo last Saturday and exchanged views on his initiatives for nuclear disarmament to lower East-West tensions.

Asked at a press conference if he was planning to visit the Soviet Union and China in the near future, Mr. Trudeau said: "It all depends on how the visits shape."

A former Canadian ambassador to Moscow, Geoffrey Pearson, and a senior official, Garry Smith, were now in Peking and would later travel to Moscow, he said.

He said his meeting in Tokyo with Georgi Arbatov, a Kremlin specialist in North American affairs and a close friend of Soviet

President Yuri Andropov, was informal in nature.

"He hadn't come to Tokyo with any special messages for me. He just heard I was in town and made himself available for a meeting," Mr. Trudeau said.

Mr. Trudeau, who was on a four-day visit to Bangladesh during a round-the-world peace mission, was due to leave Tuesday for New Delhi to attend the Commonwealth summit starting on Wednesday.

He said Mr. Arbatov, director of the Soviet Science Academy's U.S.-Canadian Research Institute, appeared pessimistic about East-West relations, "but I am not as pessimistic as he is. That's why I shall wait until I hear from Pearson and Smith."

Commonwealth leaders gather for Delhi summit, page 8

U.S. stays tough on missiles

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States remains firmly committed to the scheduled deployment of medium-range nuclear weapons in Western Europe despite Soviet threats to add new missiles in Eastern Europe, U.S. officials said Sunday.

In separate television interviews, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director Kenneth Adelman and Defence Department Assistant Secretary Richard Perle played down the significance of Soviet threats to counter U.S. deployment with a nuclear build-up in Eastern Europe or the Western hemisphere.

"I think these are the kind of threats the Soviets make on a regular basis. They will continue the military modernisation programme they have had for the past 30 years, calling these long-planned increases counter-measures. The label will be different, but the reality will be the same," Mr. Adelman said.

Both men also dismissed Soviet threats to walk out of the stalled Geneva arms control talks if next month's planned deployment of cruise and Pershing-2 missiles proceeds.

"If they walk out, they will be back," Mr. Perle said, arguing that the world expected the two superpowers to reach an accord.

Mr. Adelman and Mr. Perle rejected a widely reported informal proposal by Moscow to reduce the number of Soviet SS-20 missiles aimed at Western Europe and temporarily set aside the issue of counting French and British nuclear forces if the United States halted deployment.

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MIDDLE EAST

Non-aligned team discusses PLO rift with Kuwaiti envoy

KUWAIT (R) — A four-man delegation from the Non-Aligned Movement discussed the rift in the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) with Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah here Monday.

The delegation, comprising the foreign ministers of India, Yugoslavia and Cuba and Senegal's ambassador to the United Nations, is expected to leave for Damascus Tuesday for talks with Syrian officials and Palestinian leaders on ways of ending inter-Palestinian fighting, Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told Reuters.

Official Kuwaiti sources said Sheikh Sabah briefed the delegation on efforts by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to end the fighting.

Sheikh Sabah has himself visited Damascus several times on behalf of the six-nation council for the same purpose.

Zia messages Assad

Meanwhile in Islamabad, Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq has asked President Assad of Syria to help end inter-

Palestinian fighting in Lebanon, the official AFP news agency reported Monday.

The agency said the appeal was contained in a message sent recently to Mr. Assad expressing Pakistan's "deepest anguish and concern" over the conflict.

Gen. Zia appealed to Mr. Assad to "use his influence to help bring an immediate end to the fratricide," APP reported.

The agency said Gen. Zia recently received an urgent message from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat asking for help to end the bloodshed.

In his reply, Gen. Zia reiterated "the resolute support of Pakistan to the Palestinian cause under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)," it added.

Fateh leadership to meet in January '84

TUNIS (R) — The leadership of Yasser Arafat's divided Fateh guerrilla movement, the main component of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), will hold a general congress next January, Fateh sources said here Monday.

Syrian-backed Fateh dissidents, who are fighting guerrillas loyal to Mr. Arafat in northern Lebanon, have made the convening of the congress one of their key demands.

The rebels accuse Mr. Arafat of abandoning armed struggle against Israel, oppose his attempts to negotiate a joint Jordanian-Palestinian approach to a Middle East settlement and are demanding a joint leadership of the PLO.

The sources said the congress would probably be held in Algiers and will be open to all Fateh members who will be empowered to elect new leaders.

Earlier this month Mr. Arafat said he would call a congress, adding that it would be preceded or followed by a meeting of the Palestine National Council, the PLO



Mr. Yasser Arafat parliament in exile. The last Fateh congress was in Damascus in 1970.

AUB suspends classes

BEIRUT (R) — The American University of Beirut (AUB) suspended classes Monday after skirmishes between students during a flag day celebration, acting President Samir Tabet announced.

An AUB official said two students were bruised in the skirmish which arose over political differences. He said the Lebanese army fired shots into the air to disperse the students.

AUB delayed the start of the winter term this year after students staged strikes to protest against a demand by the administration that they sign a document pledging to refrain from political activity on campus.

The dispute was resolved when the protesting students agreed to sign the controversial paper.

'Iraqi troops will support Kurdish rebels'

PENJWIN, Iraq (R) — The commander of the Iraqi First Army Corps told foreign reporters that Iraqi forces were fighting inside the Kurdistan region of Iraq to support Iranian Kurdish rebels.

"We have now deep inside Iran some regular troops fighting alongside the Iranian Kurdish opposition forces," said Maj.-Gen. Maher Abed Al-Rashid, speaking at his headquarters near Penjwin on the northern Gulf war front.

He said Penjwin had seen some of the fiercest fighting of the 37-month-old war over the past 24 hours.

Iraqi Kurds opposing the Iraqi government took part alongside Iranian troops in an offensive along a 30-kilometre front Friday night but were completely routed, Gen. Al-Rashid said.

Any Iraqi Kurds captured would not be treated as prisoners of war, he added without elaborating.

The commander said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had honoured some commanders with medals and Mercedes cars for acts of courage.

Gen. Al-Rashid denied Iranian accusations that Iraqi forces used chemical weapons, saying: "I swear by God and my military honour that we possess no such weapons nor have we used them."

Kaunda says Arab states aggravate crisis

DHAKA (R) — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda accused Arab states Monday of stirring up the Palestinian crisis and trying to destroy PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

"We don't understand their policies. Palestinians are fighting against the Israelis and Arabs are supporting them," he told a press conference on the last day of his four-day visit to Bangladesh.

Mr. Kaunda, who later left for New Delhi to attend the Commonwealth summit starting on Wednesday, said the policies of Arab countries, "including those which think they are the radicals in the Middle East," had always been a mystery to him.

"They maintained a complete silence when Israel attacked the PLO forces in Lebanon last year. The PLO showed heroism, but they had to surrender because they were not supported by Arabs," he said.

"The left and right in the Arab World have now combined to fight Arafat and destroy him. They really surprise us," Mr. Kaunda added.

Gulf religious leaders pray for autumn rains

BAHRAIN (R) — Following a tradition established by Prophet Mohammad some 1,400 years ago, Muslim leaders in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar prayed Monday for autumn rains, which are already a month late.

The official Saudi press agency said speakers following the prayers "called on the faithful to be merciful to each other and help the poor so that Allah may help us and bring the rain and end this dry season."



Mr. Hafez Al Assad

Assad had heart attack, claims press in Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli newspaper Maariv quoted Western sources Monday as saying that Syrian President Hafez Al Assad had suffered a heart attack.

Damascus reports said the president went into hospital eight days ago for an appendicitis operation.

Maariv quoted unnamed Western sources as saying that Mr. Assad, who had a history of high blood pressure and diabetes, was still in hospital.

Mr. Assad cancelled a meeting with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel last week due to his illness. He has made no public appearances or statements since going into hospital, but officials in Syria have said he is making a good recovery.

Tripoli leaders appeal for an end to all fighting in the area

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Politicians and religious leaders have appealed for an end to inter-Palestinian fighting around this battle-scarred northern port, which is now suffering its worst onslaught in two weeks of fighting.

Shells and rockets rained down on positions of embattled Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Sunday as his men tried to stem an advance by Syrian-backed rebel forces.

Mr. Arafat, fighting to defend the last shreds of his dwindling power base in Lebanon, said his men beat off two attacks at the northern and eastern approaches to the city.

The city's mayor, the Sunni Muslim spiritual leader of Lebanon and local politicians appealed for peace.

Mayor Ashir Daye called on Syrian forces to stop shelling the city and lift the siege and urged Palestinian guerrillas to quit the city, stop fighting their own people and face their true enemy, Israel.

Syrian troops control north and east Lebanon and wield the major influence in the city. The Syrians came as a peace force in 1976 to end a two-year civil war, but have frequently clashed with the dominant Sunni Muslims in Tripoli.

A group of Muslim leaders meeting in Beirut under Sheikh Hassan Khaled, leader of Lebanon's Sunni Muslims, appealed to Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad to step in to stop the fighting.

A local Member of Parliament, Abdel-Majid Al-Rafei, called on King Fahd of Saudi Arabia to intervene to save "scores of women,

children and old men who are losing their lives in the bombardment of the city."

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has reported some 500 dead and 1,500 wounded since fighting began on Nov. 3. But officials believe the final count will be much higher.

Tripoli residents, short of power, fuel and food, have taken a hammering since Mr. Arafat's men withdrew to the sanctuary of the city's streets to set up their artillery and rocket launchers.

Mr. Arafat had earlier pledged to spare the city more bloodshed but now says he is defending it from what he calls a Syrian plan to invade and disarm the Muslim militias, who have long opposed Syrian dominance.

Mass demonstration in Libyan capital raps American, French involvement in Lebanese fighting

BAHRAIN (R) — A mass demonstration was held outside the French embassy in the Libyan capital of Tripoli to protest against French and American involvement in Lebanon, the official Libyan news agency (JANA) reported.

A JANA dispatch received in Bahrain said the demonstrators condemned what they called "the savage raid carried out by French jets on Muslim positions in Lebanon."

On Thursday, French planes raided positions held by Libyan-backed pro-Iranian militia in Lebanon.

JANA said the demonstrators carried banners condemning "imperialist and Zionist arrogance" and called on Arab and Muslim nations to wage "a holy war against the crusading onslaught."

The demonstrators then distributed a statement which attacked French and U.S. involvement in Lebanon, the agency said.

The statement held French President Francois Mitterrand and other French circles responsible for what it described as "the ugly crimes and acts of terrorism against Arab nations" and said "they will pay the price."

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21:35 Local Programme
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23:10 News in Arabic

FOREIGN CHANNEL
18:00 French Programme
19:00 News in French
19:30 News in Hebrew
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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

FILM

"Le Desordre A 20 Ans." black and white film (sub-titled in Arabic) at the French Video Centre at 8:30 p.m.

CONCERT

* By the American pianist Mary Stanton at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

* Paintings by Princess Fahretinisa Zaid, at the Royal Cultural Centre.

ABC TV NEWS

* At the American Centre at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

CULTURAL CENTRES

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MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also costumes from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel). Tel. 111. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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12:30 Rome, Madrid (RJ)
12:45 Larnaca (RJ)
14:30 Cairo (EA)

PRAYER TIMES

06:46 Fajr
07:11 Sunrise
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14:34 Asr
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17:58 Isha



President Spyros Kyprianou

Nicosia demonstrators protest Cypriot divide

NICOSIA (R) — Cypriots in both the Greek and Turkish sectors of this divided city staged mass demonstrations Monday for or against last week's declaration of independence by the Turkish Cypriots.

Government offices and businesses on the Greek-Cypriot side closed down as the government of the internationally-recognised Republic of Cyprus sanctioned a mass rally.

Nicosia-based newsmen were denied access to the northern (Turkish-Cypriot) sector by order of the government of the republic.

Cypriot president Spyros Kyprianou and leaders of the opposition parties are on an international tour to present their views on the Turkish-Cypriot independence decision.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when mainland Turkish troops invaded the north, saying they had to protect the island's ethnic Turkish minority from inter-communal violence.

Turkish Cypriots fled to the north and Greek Cypriots to the south during and after the invasion and United Nations forces are in place as a buffer force between the two sides.

The Turkish Cypriots rely totally on mainland Turkey, the only country so far to have recognised the newly-declared "republic" in the north of the island.

Mr. Kyprianou will arrive in New Delhi on Friday for the Commonwealth summit although it starts on Wednesday, a Cypriot high commission spokesman said Monday in New Delhi.

He told Reuters Mr. Kyprianou was originally due to arrive early Monday morning but the situation in his country meant that he first had to attend a Security Council debate on Cyprus at the U.N. headquarters in New York.

Mr. Kyprianou left for New York after Turkish Cypriots declared north Cyprus an independent state last week.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Sridath Rampah said in Delhi last week he expected the Cyprus issue to figure prominently at the Commonwealth summit.

Washington Sunday the United States was prepared to hear possible new requests and might raise military aid.

Sudan has accused Libya, the Soviet Union and Ethiopia of masterminding renewed trouble in the South of the country, where a bush war smouldered during the 1950s and 1960s.

In Cairo, Egyptian Defence Ministry officials were Monday playing down reports of tension between Sudan and Ethiopia and apparently did not foresee Sudan seeking Egypt's help, well-placed defence sources said.

Egypt has a defence pact with Sudan.

The sources said Egyptian defence officials considered the problem involved "mere border incidents which would not force Sudan to ask for Egyptian military assistance."

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Apple (Smith) 220/200
Apple (local) 220/200
Banana 270/250
Banana (Mukammal) 270/250
Beans 200/180
Cabbage 80/50
Carrot 160/120
Cauliflower (white) 90/60
Cucumber (large) 100/70
Cucumber (small) 80/50
Dates 200/180
Eggplant (large) 80/50
Eggplant (small) 170/130
Figs 250/200
Garlic 300/250
Grapes (white) 350/300
Grapes (black) 350/300
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Mallow 160/140
Pepper (sweet) 140/100
Pepper (hot green) 120/90
Potatoes 180/160
Radish 100/80
Tomatoes 120/100

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Cables back Hussein

AMMAN (J.T.) — Hundreds of cables are still being sent to His Majesty King Hussein by Palestinian refugee camp members and residential groups in which they pay tributes to the King's stand on the Palestinian legitimacy represented by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

In their cables, they appeal to Arab leaders to stop the brutal massacres of children, elders and women in the Palestinian camps in northern Lebanon by the Syrian and Libyan regimes.

The cables also condemn all the forces of evil and conspiracy aimed at eliminating the PLO and monopolising the Palestinian card.

They also confirm their total rejection of all attempts at constructing the Palestinian independent decision and stress their concern for the PLO's unity and independence.

FAO to open office here

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin said Monday an agreement has been signed with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to set up an FAO office here to become operational early next year.

Mr. Dudin, who represented Jordan at the 22nd FAO conference held in Rome on Nov. 15, added that it has also been agreed that a regional training centre will be set up in Jordan to deal with poultry diseases and ways of combating them in cooperation with the Jordan Institute for Animal Health.

The centre will also undertake to train specialised personnel in the region on poultry rearing and treatment in addition to poultry farm management, Mr. Dudin pointed out.

He added that agreement with

FAO had been reached for the continuation of the world food programme for Jordan, which aims at assisting Jordanian farmers in developing highland areas for the growing of fruit trees.

The 22nd FAO meeting discussed its director-general's annual report and the organisation's annual budget for 1984. Mr. Dudin said.

The report warned that international cooperation in the food area is entering a crucial stage, while the developing countries have been confronted with a problem of inequitable trade exchange with the industrialised world, Mr. Dudin pointed out.

The report also called for increased agricultural production and the guaranteeing of a satisfactory supply of foodstuff for developing countries, Mr. Dudin concluded.

Islamic studies president stresses role of religion

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on the scientific aspects of Islamic civilisation opened at the Islamic Cultural Centre at the University of Jordan Monday.

President of the Islamic Studies and Research Society, which organised the seminar in cooperation with the centre, Dr. Ishaq Al Farhan stressed his opening speech the significance of the Muslim thinker's role in illuminating the various aspects of the Islamic civilisation and its approach to human questions.

He added that it is the role of Muslim thinkers to crystallise an Islamic outlook to all branches of specialised science.

The world is in bad need of both the Islamic ideology and civilisation, Dr. Farhan said, which

are the remedy for its ailing reality and the hope for the future to save it from destruction.

Faith in God, nourishment of the human soul and the promotion of moral values are basics in the building of an integrated and balanced society in Islam, Dr. Farhan said.

A balanced approach to the spiritual and material aspects of life are provided for in the teachings of Islam, he added.

The seminar is being attended by a number of scholars and professors from Jordanian universities and cultural institutions in addition to participants from the American University of Beirut, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, France and Syria.

Hearing survey begins

AMMAN (Petra) — A medical team formed by the Queen Alia Society for the Hearing-Impaired (QASHI) Monday started a survey and examination of deaf and semi-deaf students and children in the towns of Zarqa and Rusaifa.

The two-day medical examination, which opened at the Rusaifa society office, covers about a hundred new patients, a number of which have been referred to the society's main office in Amman for further treatment.

The survey also covers 140 patients currently undergoing an educational and training programme at the Rusaifa QASHI office.

Team member ear, nose and throat specialist Sadeq Al Keilani said that further treatment will be administered according to the outcome of the present tests.

The team, which also includes a specialist in assessing hearing powers and an assistant trained in testing speech potential, had carried out a similar campaign in the northern and southern parts of the country. It will also implement similar programmes in the Amman and Zarqa areas in the near future.

The examination at Rusaifa was attended by QASHI President Hanan Tuqan and society board members.



Visiting Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef (foreground second from right) at a reception given Sunday evening in the company of (from left to

right) National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Interior Minister Ahmad 'Obaidat and Prime Minister Mudar Badran (Petra photo)

Saudi minister visits security office

AMMAN (J.T.) — The visiting Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz and the delegation accompanying him Monday visited the Public Security Department in the company of Interior Minister Ahmad 'Obaidat.

They were received by Public Security Director Lt.-Gen. Mohammad Idris, his assistants and senior public security officers.

Prince Nayef listened to a detailed explanation about the history of cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia in the fields of policing. Lt.-Gen. Idris later

gave dinner in honour of Prince Nayef at the Public Security Officers Club.

The dinner was attended by Mr. 'Obaidat, Interior Minister Under-Secretary Ahmad Al Aqlah, the delegation accompanying Prince Nayef, the Saudi ambassador to Jordan, Civil Defence Director, Maj.-Gen. Khaled Al Tarawneh, the Amman governor and a number of senior public security and civil defence officers.

Meanwhile Mr. 'Obaidat gave a dinner Sunday evening in honour of Prince Nayef at Al Hussein Sport City.

Attending the dinner were Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Speaker of the Upper House Ahmad Al Tarawneh, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Royal Court Minister Amer Khammash, the Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, various ministers, the dean of the Arab diplomatic corps, heads of diplomatic missions and members of the delegation accompanying Prince Nayef in addition to senior civil and military officials.

Housing bureau urges reconstruction of Palestinian camps in Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani returned home Sunday evening after taking part in the second meeting of the Arab Housing Ministers Council held in the Tunisian city of Sousse on November 15.

Mr. Momani, who chaired the extraordinary meetings of the council's executive bureau meetings held prior to the council's meeting, said that the bureau discussed the reconstruction of Palestinian camps, which were destroyed during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and appealed to all warring factions in Lebanon to

stop fighting.

The council also recommended the fulfilment of the Fez Summit recommendations regarding the transfer of all allocations approved for the reconstruction of Palestinian camps in Lebanon and also called for the support of housing policy in the West Bank to help the Arabs there and to draw up programmes for discussion by the executive bureau at its next meeting.

One of the recommendations of the council was the approval of a working plan for the board of the Jerusalem Ruins Documentation and Reconstruction Centre for the

next year, according to Mr. Momani.

The council decided to strengthen existing cooperation with the U.N. housing organisation, the Arab Cities Organisation, Arab contractors union and union of Arab engineering associations.

Mr. Momani pointed out that the council also decided to hold two seminars, the first of which will be on environmental pollution to be held here next May, while the second one on Islamic architecture will be held in Morocco.

The Jordanian delegation to the meeting included the Housing Corporation Director-General Hamdallah Al Nabulsi.

Zarqa, Ma'an by-pass schemes announced

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Public Works has plans to construct a by-pass at Ma'an, a new highway between Ma'an and Aqaba and a by-pass at Zarqa to ease the congestion of traffic around these areas, according to a ministry spokesman.

He said that a seven-kilometre four-lane highway is planned for Ma'an to be used by heavy lorries. The JD 2 million project is designed to facilitate the flow of traffic between Ma'an and Aqaba further to the south, and to avoid congestion inside Ma'an itself, he said.

In addition, the ministry will shortly prepare the documents and designs, in cooperation with an international firm of consultants, for the implementation of the new Ma'an-Aqaba highway, which will extend 120 kms, the spokesman added.

He said that the new four-lane highway is expected to cost JD 18 million. According to the spokesman, a similar project will be implemented around Zarqa to facilitate the flow of traffic, especially lorries, heading from Amman to Ma'raq in the north.

Golf car customs fraud uncovered

AMMAN (Petra) — The Customs Department has uncovered an attempt by some Volkswagon golf car owners to cheat the authorities in violation of the Customs Law regarding diesel-operated vehicles. In particular offenders have been converting the imported cargo purposes.

Offenders have been made to pay double the fine for such offences for installing an additional backseat, and using glass side windows in place of the original metal ones.

Some of these cars have been used as taxis. Offending cars have been referred to the Licensing Department to have them returned to their original condition.

Cars used as taxis should be gasoline operated and diesel-operated cars are only permitted to function for cargo transportation purposes, according to regulations.

A Customs Department source said an intensified campaign is underway to prevent the misuse of golf cars.

IDB grants 22 loans

AMMAN (Petra) — The Industrial Development Bank (IDB) last month granted 22 Jordanian businesses loans totalling JD 64,000. The loans are designed to encourage the establishment of local industries.

NCC endorses water law, centralises authority

By Affah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The National Consultative Council (NCC) in its regular session Monday approved the draft Water Authority Law which has been discussed thoroughly in the last three consecutive sessions.

The reason for the new law is to adopt one comprehensive water policy for the social and economic development needs of the Jordanian citizen.

The new law also aims at assessing water resources and priorities for its use.

Central authority

It also stressed the importance of one central authority which should be responsible for all water projects because it has been realised that municipalities and organisations from a technical point of view cannot alone handle this responsibility.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran, in an earlier session, said that the Water Supply Authority (WSA) will be given responsibility for the water and sewerage projects "but that irrigation projects will not for the moment be included."

The WSA will establish specialised departments all over the Kingdom to undertake its duties.

The new law considers all water resources in the country as the government's property wherever they are found.

On queries by several NCC members Monday on the article that prescribes that one dunum of land on either side of the pipeline for the Euphrate River project will be kept by the government, Mr. Badran said that people will not have the right to build on these areas for "the water networks might be expanded in future."

He said that this law will be implemented on land alongside this particular pipeline and not on any other land adjoining water pipelines anywhere else in the Kingdom.

Aqaba authority

The NCC members, presided over by Speaker Suleiman Arar in its session Monday, referred the draft law submitted by the government on the Aqaba Region Authority to its Legal Committee to study it and, if necessary, to make certain modifications.

Truck garage

The NCC also listened to the

government's reply on the query submitted by NCC Member Salem Ben Najad regarding the removal of the truck garage from Aqaba to Quwairah.

The Ministry of Transport replied that it has previously clarified that it was impossible to re-establish the truck garage in Quwairah because a joint company organising land transport was established recently to regulate truck movement out of the port of Aqaba.

The reply also said that, during the company's activities, the Quwairah area could be used as one of the truck stations for supply and rest.

Mr. Ben Najad expressed his appreciation to the ministry for tackling this problem although "I had hoped that it would approve my request for it would have regenerated the area's economic activity for moving it to Aqaba adversely affected the economic situation in Quwairah."

Medical staff housing

Regarding NCC member Ali Khashman's request for the construction of housing units for medical staff in Ma'an, the government said that the Ministry of Health has asked the Housing Corporation to allocate 15 housing units in February for the medical staff in the ministry.

Mr. Khashman expressed his thanks at this answer and said that these units will help alleviate the housing crisis for medical staff and hence will facilitate much needed medical services in the area.

The suggestion, also submitted by Mr. Khashman regarding the improvement of telephone services in the Shobak District, was referred to the cabinet during the Monday's session.

Traffic assessment

The NCC members also listened to the decisions taken by the NCC Public Services Committee regarding traffic affairs in the light of the new traffic law adopted last July.

The committee, after conducting a study on the impact of

the implementation of the new traffic law on the volume of traffic accidents, said that statistics indicate an obvious decrease in the role of traffic violations which were registered right after the implementation of the new traffic law.

The committee said that however this period is not long enough to judge the effect of the new law.

The committee also pointed to several complaints by citizens and accordingly the committee submitted recommendations.

They said that the shortage of proper road signs "make the citizen liable to violate traffic codes unintentionally and hence sometimes incur heavy punishments."

To that effect, they recommended the completion of the proper signs as soon as possible.

Justice and respect

The committee also recommended better training for traffic staff to organise the flow of vehicles competently and lawfully and to treat people with justice and respect.

It was also noticed, that there are several streets where a sudden change in traffic directions and speed is required, but without prior warning, "which expose drivers to mistakes and hence needless punishment."

The committee recommended that these changes in the future should be publicised in the media before implementation.

The committee also pointed out that most of the main streets have "no parking" signs which have been put in the wrong places "as the police there do not object."

Commenting on these problems, Mr. Badran said that the issue is not only related to traffic but also to the discipline and the behaviour of the citizens.

NCC Member Amin Shalabi said that, although the new law requires a change in the signs "the signs on most roads have not been changed."

NCC Member Fares Sarrafah suggested that a comprehensive study on such signs be undertaken.

The session also discussed the decisions taken by the Finance and Administrative Committee regarding the formulation of public committees to gather opinions to assist the creation of the people's army.

The committee said that the expenditure of the people's army should not depend on donations but on permanent financial resources.

Islamic society to boost culture amongst foreigners

AMMAN (Petra) — A society to promote Islamic culture among foreigners coming to Jordan was registered Monday by the Ministry of Culture and Youth. The body, which is to be called the Islamic Information Society, is targeted at those from abroad working with both local and foreign firms.

The society will use the various media, such as the press, radio, television, seminars and lectures to achieve its goals.

It will also establish relations with centres, societies and institutions working in the field of promoting Islamic culture inside and outside the country.

Membership of the society is open to all Jordanians and honorary membership is open to any Islamic national.

The establishing committee of

the society held its first meeting and elected Mohammad Ibrahim Shagra as president while positions in the temporary board of directors were distributed as follows: Zuhair Dahman vice president, Dr. Mohammad Samir Hussein secretary-general, Mohammad Majed 'Allan treasurer and Khuludoon Al Subeithi as open-place member.

Japanese team due to arrive

AMMAN (Petra) — A Japanese delegation from the international development centre is due here Tuesday on a week long visit to Jordan. During the visit, the delegation will hold discussions with Jordanian officials regarding joint cooperation between Jordan and Japan in the field of construction and will also visit a number of construction projects.

Registered families rise

AMMAN (Petra) — Three thousand six hundred and ninety nine families with a total number of 22,738 members have been registered in the civil registry during last October thus bringing the number of families registered since start of civil registration work in July 1977 to a total of

437,911 families with a total of 2,825,608 members, according to a Civil Registration Department spokesman Monday.

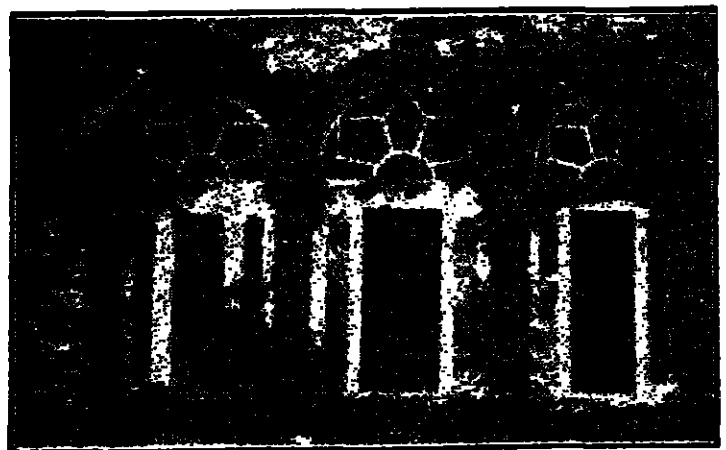
The spokesman added that out of 1,301 families registered in the Amman area with a total of 7,223 members, 3,832 are males.

Prints reveal the woman behind the lens

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel this week is a small exhibition of photographic prints by Sahar El Fakhr. This is the second exhibition this young Lebanese photographer has held here in Jordan and gratifyingly these interesting, often original, prints show that, in the intervening eighteen months, El Fakhr has developed and matured quite substantially. Her first exhibition showed the results of the time spent, at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture, touring the country recording her impressions. This second exhibition is much more personal. Here, instead of portraits of bedouins and their way of life, are El Fakhr's own ideas, images that she particularly wants to share and thus through this exhibition you get more of an idea of the woman behind the lens.

What quickly becomes apparent is that El Fakhr has a good "eye". This comes across most strongly in the very successful group of photographs depicting doors and windows. When asked why she is so intrigued with openings, El Fakhr replies with the words of a song, "Life is a very long corridor full of doors which you must know open and close according to the days. The keys are those of love." And certainly these doors and windows, battered and old as they are, have their own very different messages to convey. Some seem locked and forbidding, their sense of forbidding instills lit-



One of the photographic prints by Sahar El Fakhr currently on show at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel (File photo)

tle desire to see what they conceal. Others welcome you, invite you in and you know that on the other side of those ancient stone windows at the end of that long cool vault, through which the sun comes pouring in, on the other side of that old but well kept door where the rickety whicker stool

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and the plant in the bent "nido" can stand sentinel, will be something exciting, warm and wonderful.

Classical shots of sunsets have an appeal that never fades no matter how many times you see them, mostly because the reality of that burning golden orb sinking in a

darkening sky of often unbelievable colour never ceases to inspire. The sunsets El Fakhr has caught must have been breathtaking, and a particularly good shot which catches that hot orange ball behind the huge chains and hooks of a crane makes a striking and dramatic composition.

Photographs of the gaily coloured cheap plastic goods that hang outside shops all over Jordan, of the rows and rows of vegetables whose repeated form and colour is offset by the tiny tones and marks of individuality, have been taken before and, although El Fakhr versions are particularly good — very clear and well composed — the edge of their originality has been lost. One photograph that retains that ori-

ginality and one that for me is the best in a good exhibition is the shot of the open electrical box out of which come spilling a multitude of gorgeously bright coloured wires whose intensity and exuberance are enhanced by the white paint of the background. Some might wish to misinterpret this photograph, but it should be viewed in the same spirit in which it was taken — that of pure aesthetic enjoyment. The wires and their primary coloured coats form an extremely dynamic and exciting abstract composition, and one that needed a quick and sensitive eye to perceive and reveal its beauty.

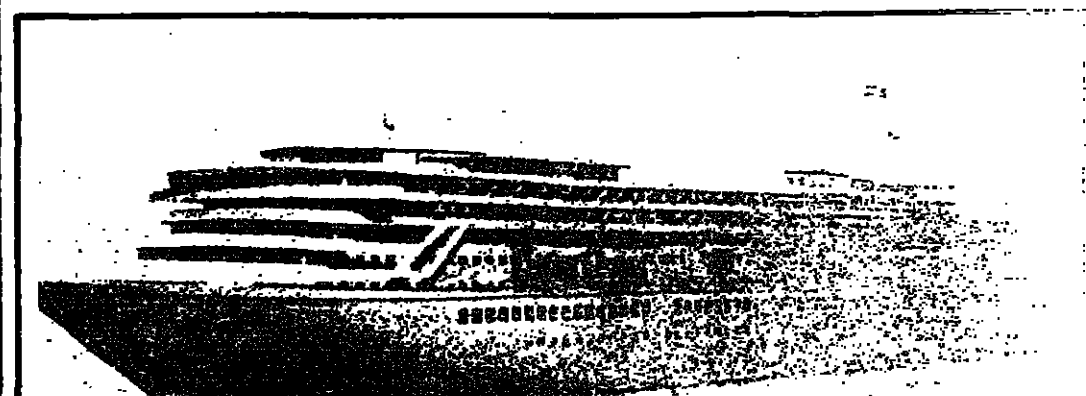
This is perhaps the last photographic exhibition we will be seeing from El Fakhr at least for a while, for, after taking this exhibition to Beirut in the spring, she is going to employ her innate sense of colour and composition in a different medium — that of painting.

All the work is for sale. The exhibition runs until Nov. 24.

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The well-known, "Sea Princess" P&O cruise ship will arrive in Aqaba today with 740 passengers on board. They will visit Petra & Wadi Rum, the excursion being arranged by tour operators Amin Kawa & Sons, Travel & Tourism.

The picture above is a model of P&O's new deep sea passenger ship, unveiled in London recently. It is being built at the Wartsila Shipyard in Helsinki, under a £3 million contract from British companies. The £80 million cruise liner, as yet unnamed, is due for delivery in 1984 and marks a departure from traditional lines with its 600 cabins having square-shaped picture windows — instead of portholes and 152 cabins (on the upper decks) having private balconies.

Man-eating tigers are a problem that can be solved

By Peter Jackson

DELHI — India is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its highly successful tiger conservation programme. But the success of the venture has not stopped tigers from eating people.

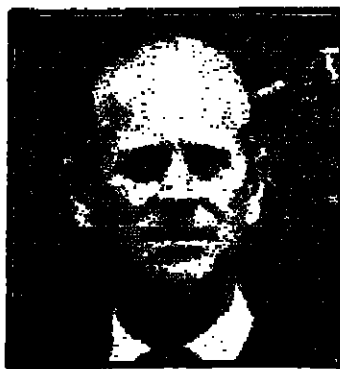
Over 100 people have been killed in the past five years by tigers in Kheri District, near India's border with southwestern Nepal. The death toll has led to a public outcry and suggestions that the government prefers tigers to people.

The problem, though grave, is limited to a small area, and conservationists argue that it can be solved in a way that could provide an international example of good wildlife conservation management.

Project Tiger's 10th anniversary is being celebrated in Delhi at a ceremony attended by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Britain's Duke of Edinburgh.



Mrs. Indira Gandhi



Duke of Edinburgh

from a low of about 1,800 in 1972 to over 3,000 by the last census in 1979, and there are now 15 special reserves covering over 23,000 square kilometres (8,900 square miles) in India alone.

It has not only saved tigers, but has protected large areas of forests and grasslands which play a key role in human welfare.

The man-eater problem started in Kheri District soon after the establishment in 1977 of the Dudhwa National Park, one of the small remnants of wildland left after a vast tract along the foot of the Himalayas had been transformed into agricultural land. People had been settling in Kheri for over 80 years with few instances of tiger attacks.

The outbreak of man-eating has been attributed to tigers spilling out of the Dudhwa Park. But Project Tiger experts say the park is not over-populated with tigers, and the problem arises mainly from unregulated human activities too close to the park.

A Project Tiger investigation team found that sugarcane, a profitable crop, was being grown right up to the park boundaries. For tiger, cane fields are just like the tall grass it favours, especially for breeding. Deer and wild boar are

attracted to the crops and are allowed by tigers. Humans use the few remaining wild patches — even in the park itself — for grazing cattle and collecting firewood and thatch grass. All these factors mean frequent contact between humans and tigers.

Most of the deaths in the Dudhwa area have occurred in the cane fields, where humans can easily intrude unwittingly on a resting tiger or a tigress with small cubs, and suffer a lethal swipe. Few of these encounters are due to tigers hunting humans. But eight confirmed man-eaters have been shot, among them two females with cubs to feed, and two young males trying to find territories of their own. All were having trouble finding sufficient natural prey.

Project Tiger experts are emphatic that man-eaters must be eliminated, either by shooting or by capture and confinement in zoos. But they argue that the long-term remedy is management of human activities in the vicinity of the Dudhwa National Park.

Sugarcane should not be grown up to the park boundaries; pastures should be improved so that cattle do not roam everywhere in search of food followed by herdsmen, and firewood and building

materials should be collected by wildlife departmental staff and supplied to the people so that they do not have to expose themselves to the danger of tiger attacks.

At the same time, efforts must be made to improve the productivity of grasslands within the park so that deer and boar have less reason to move into fields, attracting tigers there.

Tigers and the wildlife around them are part of the ecology of the forests, grasslands and swamps. Preservation of these wild areas, the Project Tiger experts say, lessens the effects of floods and, by absorbing rains and releasing the water over time, ensures a steady supply of water for surrounding agriculture.

The ideal situation, in the view of Hemendra Panwar, director of Project Tiger, is that parks and "core conservation areas" everywhere should be surrounded by buffer areas with a strong conservation bias, where human activities are restricted. Beyond these, there should be multiple use areas under intensive, conservation-oriented community development, where rural people are helped to improve the productivity of the land they use for crop and livestock.

Apart from the man-eating, Kheri is typical of areas where there are both wildlife reserves and agricultural settlement. Thus the solution to Kheri's problems can be applied elsewhere.

Panwar stressed the need for coordinated programmes which give equal weight to the management of conservation areas and the development of human communities in areas around them.

"On this will depend the sustainable success of Project Tiger", he declared. — Earthscan feature



Eye examination is provided for Bangladeshi children by doctors from Helen Keller International. (Photo from Press and Publications Service).

Blindness: A visible problem

By Fred Cooper

WASHINGTON — Most of the people who face the greatest risk of becoming blind live in remote areas of the developing world. That fact guides the work of Helen Keller International, a U.S. voluntary blindness-prevention agency based in New York City.

There are four major causes of blindness in the world. Trachoma, the leading cause of blindness and highly contagious, comes from a bacteria-like organism. Onchocerciasis, or river blindness, is a serious parasitic disease transmitted by the bite of a small black fly that breeds in swift-flowing rivers. Xerophthalmia, or nutritional blindness, the primary cause of child blindness, results from malnutrition and the lack of vitamin A. Cataract, an age-related disease, results in a clouding of the eye's lens, which blocks passage of light.

"Most blindness from these conditions can be readily prevented," says John Costello, executive director of Helen Keller International, who estimates there

are some 42 million people throughout the world. "The technology exists. In large measure it is inexpensive. The problem that we are trying to deal with is the delivery issue. How do you get that simple technology to the people who need it?"

Nutritional blindness, according to Mr. Costello, can be prevented and cured through distribution of massive doses of capsules of Vitamin A, encouragement of breast-feeding to improve infant nutrition, and nutrition education. Trachoma can be treated by repeated applications of antibiotic preparations. River blindness can be prevented through massive insecticide spray programmes to kill the carriers of the disease. Among these four major causes of blindness, only cataract requires surgery to correct.

Helen Keller International was founded in 1915 as a response to blindness caused by injuries during World War I. One of its founders was Helen Keller, the blind, deaf and mute American woman who overcame her handicaps and who dedicated her life to helping

others who were similarly afflicted.

Helen Keller International has become the major U.S. voluntary agency fighting blindness around the world. It is supported by contributions from individuals and corporations in the United States, as well as from national and international governmental agencies.

In the last 68 years the organisation has worked in more than 80 countries. Currently it has programmes in 13 nations in Asia, the South Pacific, Latin America and Africa.

One of the major efforts of Helen Keller International, according to Mr. Costello, is helping to insure that people in developing nations receive basic eye care, before they suffer permanent damage. This frequently training local health workers to help combat major eye problems.

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Real Madrid replaces Barcelona at Spanish Soccer League match

MADRID (R) — Real Madrid, after their poor start to the season, replaced Barcelona at the top of the Spanish Soccer League Sunday.

Barcelona, without international stars Bernd Schuster and Diego Maradona, lost the lead after drawing 0-0 at home with Real Sociedad of San Sebastian.

Barcelona now have 15 points from 12 games, one fewer than Real Madrid who had an easy 2-0 away win over bottom-placed Real Mallorca. Spanish international Carlos Santillana in the 54th minute and Ricardo Gallego six minutes before the end scored Real Madrid's goals.

Unfancied Malaga maintained their surprising form with a 0-0 away draw against Sevilla. They are level with Barcelona on points but have an inferior goal record.

Espanol of Barcelona had their first away victory of the season when they beat Real Zaragoza 4-2. Espanol led 2-1 at halftime, lost the lead when Argentine international Juan Alberto Barbas equalised after the interval, but added two more goals in a late flourish.

Aleisco Madrid lost their unbeaten home record, going down 2-1 to Valencia.

Real Murcia, who moved up into the first division this season, beat Sporting Gijon 2-1 at home with goals from Argentine Horacio Mayano and Honduran international Roberto Figueroa.

A goal by Miguel Sola three minutes before half-time gave Champions Athletic Bilbao a 1-0 home victory over Real Valladolid.

Athletic, lying sixth in the table with 14 points, have played a

game fewer than their rivals. Their first match was cancelled because of severe flooding in Bilbao.

Hamburg reputation at stake

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) — European champions Hamburg, their recent games matching a slump in form, hope to restore their finances with an impressive win in the first leg of their Supercup clash against Scotland's Aberdeen, the Cup-Winners' Cup victors, here Tuesday.

"We need international success in our present situation in order to market our name better," business manager Guenter Netzer said, referring to the West German side's second round exit from the European Cup earlier this month.

Netzer said he was well aware that Aberdeen, Europe's 1982 team of the year, would not make Hamburg's task easy.

"The Scots are very robust and hard tacklers," he said. "We will have to count on a few bruises."

West German teams have made three unsuccessful attempts to win the Supercup, in which the winners of the previous season's European Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup meet.

Hamburg have taken only one point from their last three League matches and their gates have dropped accordingly. "We are hoping for 20,000 to 25,000 people at Tuesday's match," publicity chief Wolfgang Beyer said.

The match comes six years to

the day that Hamburg drew 1-1 with Liverpool in their only previous Supercup encounter. The Merseysiders hammered them 6-0 in the return match at Anfield.

Despite their recent slide Hamburg are fourth of a quartet sharing top spot in the West German first division with 19 points.

Their Austrian trainer Ernst Happel said injuries ruled out international defender Manfred Kaltz and winger Juergen Miliewski but he hoped striker Wolfram Wuttke would have recovered from a pulled muscle in time for Tuesday's match.

Aberdeen, riding high at the top of Scotland's premier division, are without only one first team player, Eric Black, who is suffering from a back injury.

Olsen continues negotiation

AMSTERDAM (R) — Danish soccer international Jesper Olsen is still negotiating with Ajax Amsterdam over a renewal of his contract with the club and has not yet decided on his future, a club spokesman said Monday.

Olson, 22, has also been contacted by Manchester United and Tottenham, but no announcement was expected for a day or two, the spokesman added.

Olsen's contract expires next June, but he has in the past said he would like to stay with Ajax for a further two or three years.

The Danish winger had talks with a Manchester United official Sunday night in Amsterdam.

Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson, in the Netherlands to try to persuade Olsen to join his club, said Monday the Danish player had also received a big offer from an Italian club.

"Ajax have made him a fabulous offer to stay, Spurs have also offered him a lucrative contract and he has been offered a king's ransom to play in Italy," Atkinson said.

"I hope to persuade him that his career will benefit by coming to United. I see him as a natural replacement for Steve Coppell with the finance offset by the insurance."

F.A. Cup draw to be played Dec. 10

LONDON (R) — The draw for the second round of the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup, to be played on Saturday, Dec. 10 is: Rotherham or Hartlepool vs Hull, Macclesfield or York vs Rochdale, Darlington or Altrincham, Northwich or Bangor City vs Blackpool, Tranmere or Bolton vs Mansfield, Lincoln vs Sheffield United, Bradford City or Wigan vs Whitby Town, Southampton vs Bury, Chesterfield vs Burnley, Harrow vs Poole or Newport, Colchester vs Wealdstone or Enfield, Gillingham vs Chelmsford or Wycombe Wanderers, Exeter or Maidstone vs Aldershot or Worcester, Windsor and Eton vs Bournemouth, Millwall vs Oxford, Dagenham or Brentford vs Wimbledon, Reading vs Oxford, Barnet or Bristol Rovers vs Corinthian Casuals or Bristol City, Southend or Plymouth vs Barking, Northampton or Watford vs Telford.

Cram, Durie named sportsman and sportswoman of the year

LONDON (R) — Britain's track star Steve Cram and top woman tennis player Jo Durie have been voted sportsman and sportswoman of the year in the annual poll of the British Sports Writers' Association.

Cram and Durie scored comfortable victories over runners-up decathlete Daley Thompson and javelin thrower Fatima Whitbread, who won gold and silver medals respectively at the Helsinki World Athletics Championships.

World champion ice dancers Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean gained their third successive award as team of the year.

Businessman Richard Noble's thrust II team, which reclaimed the world land speed record for Britain last month, came second.

Cram, 23, followed his European and Commonwealth games 1,500 metres titles last year by winning the 1,500 metres gold medal in Helsinki. He rounded off an exceptional season by setting the 1983 world best time for 800 metres.

Durie, 23, reached the semifinals of the French and U.S. Opens, and won a tournament in the United States.

Dickson leaves jump-racing

LONDON (R) — The Yorkshire cricket crisis over former England opener Geoff Boycott took another twist Monday when a member of the county club's general committee said they should resign en bloc if a vote of no-confidence in him were carried.

The vote is one of three proposals to be put by a rebel group of Boycott supporters at a special members meeting at Harrogate on Dec. 3.

The rebel group is also proposing a vote of no-confidence in the cricket sub-committee and are calling for the reinstatement of Boycott.

Pakistan-NSW cricket match ends in draw

SYDNEY (R) — A magnificent second wicket partnership of 164 between Mudassar Nazar and Qasim Omar virtually clinched a face-saving draw for Pakistan on the last day of their four-day cricket match against New South Wales (NSW).

Mudassar and Qasim occupied the crease for more than four hours to carry the tourists' second innings from 115 for one to 279 for two before Mudassar was caught behind by Greg Dyer an hour before tea for 139.

It was Mudassar's third century of the tour and his 34th in first class cricket — and it gave Pakistan with a tremendous morale-boost before the second test.

But his innings ended on a sour note when he stormed down the pitch to remonstrate with New

South Wales' bowler Len Pascoe and Trevor Chappell before leaving the arena.

The three players appeared to argue for about 30 seconds before NSW captain Dirk Wellham intervened and Mudassar trudged back to the pavilion.

At tea, the tourists were well out of danger at 339 for two with Qasim on 89 and Javed Miandad on 18.

This gave Pakistan an overall lead of 42 runs. They were forced to follow on after being dismissed for 194 in reply to New South Wales' 491 for eight declared.

The NSW attack was severely hampered by the loss of two key bowlers, former test-paceman Len Pascoe and talented young off-spinner Greg Matthews, who were both injured Sunday.

New South Wales captain Dirk Wellham had little alternative but to call on veteran opener Rick McCosker as a makeshift bowler on a flat and lifeless wicket.

Mudassar and Qasim made hay, registering their century partnership in 180 minutes. But it was not until the doughty opener had passed the three-figure mark that his innings really began to blossom.

By lunch Mudassar was in full command — an ominous sign for Australia in the second test beginning at Brisbane next Friday.

At the other end Qasim, the hero of Pakistan's first test debacle, showed plenty of grit and began to take his cue from Mudassar by unleashing several scorching boundaries.

Richardson helps in time

KOLHAPUR, India (R) — Richie Richardson made the most of his chance to impress the West Indian selectors on the final day of the three-day cricket match against West Zone Monday.

Richardson, top scorer in the first innings with 77, struck a confident 61 out of his side's second innings score of 205 for seven as the game ended in a tame draw.

The later stages of the day's play may have been more exciting had Viv Richards, captaining the West Indies in the absence of Clive Lloyd, enforced the follow-on after West Zone had trailed by

182 on first innings.

But he decided to give some of the less experienced members of the team a chance to prove themselves with the bat after West Zone, resuming at 145 for six Monday morning, were bowled out for 235.

Off-spinner Roger Harper took three of the last four wickets to finish with five for 62 from 29.3 overs.

The pick of the home side's bowlers Monday was leg spinner Sanjay Hazare, who benefited from some careless batting by the West Indians to collect five for 51.

Rebel cricketers face hard time

PRETORIA (R) — The rebel West Indian cricketers had a woe-filled morning on the second day of their three-day match against Northern Transvaal here Monday and at lunch were 17 for one in reply to the home side's 288 for nine declared.

There was a dramatic start to the West Indies innings when Faoued Bacchus, making his first appearance in South Africa, was yanked by the very first ball from Francois Weideman.

The other opener, Alvin Greenidge, and Everton Mattis were lucky to survive a torrid opening spell by the Northern Transvaal

test bowlers.

Earlier, the Northern Transvaal ninth-wicket pair of Weideman and Bill Morris had frustrated the West Indian attack, adding a further 58 runs before Weideman was yanked by Ezra Mosely for 24 when the pair had put on 69.

Morris, who remained unbeaten on 73, was particularly severe on Albert Padmore and the pair reached their 50 partnership when he stepped down the wicket to hammer the off-spinner back over his head for six.

He repeated the stroke to reach his personal half-century from only 86 balls.

Seeds crash in 1st round of New South Wales tennis

SYDNEY (R) — Three seeded players bowed out of the New South Wales (NSW) women's open tennis championship in Monday's first round.

Raffaella Reggi, a 17-year-old Italian, beat 10th-seeded American Alycia Moulton 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. American Beth Herr beat Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia, the 12th seed, 6-1, 7-5 and Australian Amanda Dingwall topped the 13th seed, Catherine Tanvier of

France, 6-3, 6-3.

Dingwall's victory could not have come at a more opportune time. As Amanda Tobin she won the Australian junior title, but a string of poor results this year left Dingwall undecided about quitting the game.

"It has been ages since I won a match in the main draw of a major tournament," she said.

"I'm thinking about whether to keep going or not and wins like today's one certainly help in maintaining my interest."

Athletes call for unimpeded Olympic participation

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — The Athletes' Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Monday issued a statement condemning the "repeated intrusion of politics in the Olympic movement."

The statement drafted by American Ed Moses, the world 400 metres hurdles world champion and world record-holder, at a meeting of the eight-member commission here Sunday, said: "We feel that the majority of today's competitors would like to be able to harvest the fruits of their dedicated efforts and compete without undue political influence or stress."

The commission unanimously agreed that "participation in the Olympic Games should be according to the Olympic charter."

It insisted that no private or political organisation, including national Olympic committees, governments or individuals, should be permitted to intervene in or attempt to disrupt the participation of competitors in the games.

The commission, chaired by former Olympic yachtsman Peter Tallberg of Finland, was set up by the IOC to look after the interests of Olympic competitors.

The athletes' statement seemed to be aimed at ensuring a trouble-free summer Olympics in Los Angeles next year.

China, S.Korea win in basketball

HONG KONG (R) — Defending champions China and Asian Games gold medalists South Korea both won their matches in the 12th Asian men's basketball championships here Monday.

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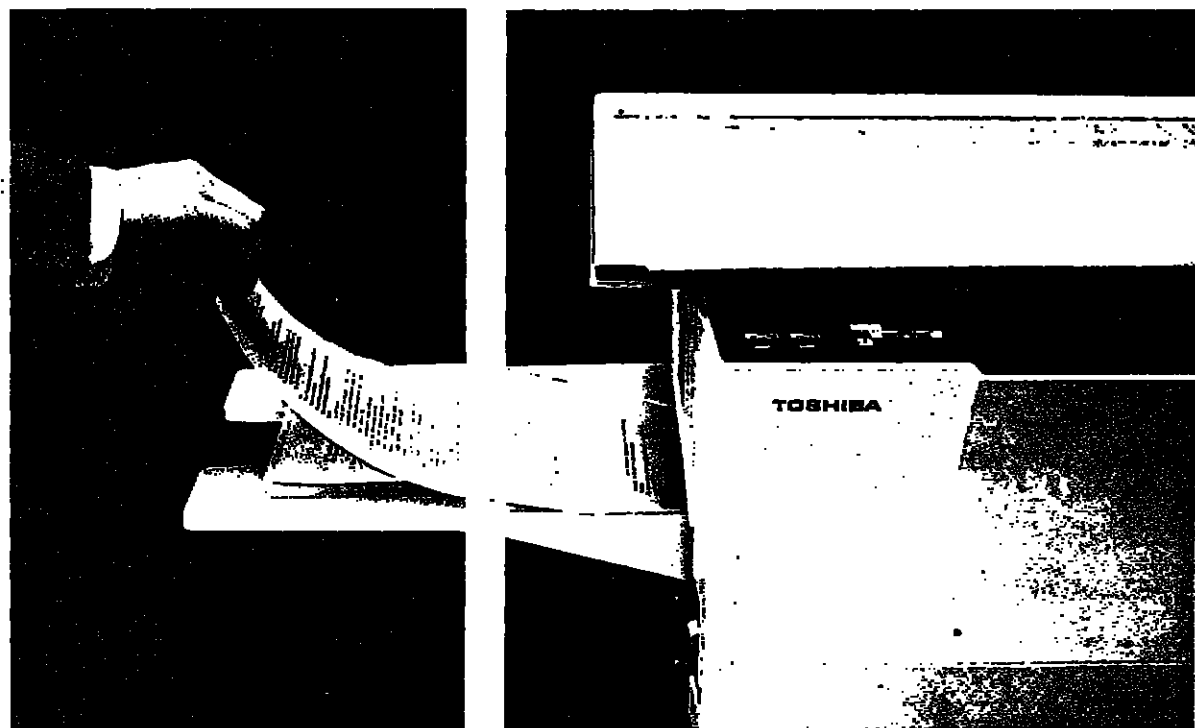
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UAE central bank changes Dubai's Union Bank board

BAHRAIN (Agencies). — A new board of directors has taken over at Dubai's Union Bank of the Middle East, amid reports in banking circles that the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has had to provide financial assistance.

The bank's Assistant General Manager Colin Browne told Reuters by telephone from Dubai that the bank continued in business and had no liquidity problems. He declined to comment on whether the central bank had provided assistance.

Mr. Browne said the UAE's minister of state for finance Mr. Ahmad Humaid Al Tayer had replaced Mr. Abdul Wahab Galadari, one of the bank's founders, as chairman of the bank, and several other new directors had been appointed.

Officials at the central bank's headquarters in Abu Dhabi declined immediate comment but said the central bank would be making a full statement on the situation Tuesday.

Banking sources in Dubai said Mr. Galadari had borrowed heavily from Union Bank to finance real estate investments in Singapore.

They said a number of banks in the emirate had suspended credit lines with Union Bank as rumours of liquidity problems grew. These would probably be restored once the central bank confirmed it was supporting Union Bank, they said.

One source noted the bank had been offering up to two per cent above market rates to attract deposits.

Mr. Galadari's other interests in Dubai include A.W. Galadari

Commodities, one of the UAE's biggest commodity and financial trading firms. A company official said he was not aware of any liquidity problems or board changes at Galadari Commodities.

The bank was founded in 1977 and increased its issued capital in April last year to 291.5 million dirhams (\$79.5 million) through a public share issue.

Its 1981 annual report showed total assets of 4.91 billion dirhams (\$1.34 billion) and net profit for the year was 46.7 million dirhams (\$12.7 million).

The bank has four branches in Dubai, overseas branches in Pakistan and Sri Lanka and a finance subsidiary in Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, declining oil revenues will have serious repercussions on Arab and international banks, Mr. Zuhair Al Ashi, head of the Arab Banks Union, said in Abu Dhabi at the weekend.

"The major impact will befall the international banks as the Arab ones only receive minor business compared to others," he added.

On the inability of Third World countries to repay their debts Mr. Al Ashi said that the total loan share extended to the two countries by Arab banks was only four per cent.

He accused the International Monetary Fund of "adopting American economic policy", and called on Arab banks to boost loans to "needy nations" such as the Sudan, Somalia, Mauritania and Morocco to help finance their development plans.

China offshore oil conference opens today

CANTON (R) — Oil industry experts are gathering in Canton to discuss exploration prospects in Chinese waters, once hailed as the world's last great oil frontier but which have so far proved disappointing.

Industry sources who will be attending China's annual offshore conference Tuesday said U.S., Japanese and French firms which have operated offshore China for several years have been less than successful — and one consortium is pulling out.

The sources said that of the early explorers, only a Japanese consortium led by the Japan National Oil Corporation and a French one led by Total China had struck plentiful reserves, although the commercial viability of their finds was still in doubt.

The U.S. firm Atlantic Richfield's found a small gas flow recently but disaster followed when its rig, Glomar, Java Sea, was lost in a storm last month with all 79 crew on board.

But China is still pressing ahead with its vast oil exploration and development programme in co-operation with foreign firms.

In May, China signed a contract with a consortium led by British Petroleum (B.P.) after a first round of competitive bidding for the right to explore and develop offshore resources.

The China National Offshore Oil Corporation has since made 14 more deals, all but two of them for exploration in the seas off the coast of South China.

The biggest find so far has been by another Japanese venture, the Japan-China Oil Development

Beibu Gulf contract area off South China but only if China alters the low profit margins inherent under the present terms.

While Peking is sympathetic, it does not want to publicise alterations to the terms while more signatures are expected from the first round of competitive bidding, they said.

The Japan-China Oil Development Corporation, drilling in the northeastern Bohai Gulf, has reported some encouraging finds but is reluctant to be prematurely pushed into developing the field, the sources said.

U.S. firms have been particularly anxious to get good terms from the hard-bargaining Chinese and one company, Mobil, stopped negotiations when it found Peking's offer unacceptable, they said.

But for others, especially the Japanese who see China as a stable source of future energy supplies, political considerations were often as important as commercial ones, the sources said.

Corporation, which drilled a 12,200 barrel per day well. Most other finds have been more modest.

The French firm, Elf Aquitaine China, has started to sell up its equipment and is preparing to withdraw after drilling dry holes for four years near the Japanese contract areas.

Commercial success means not only finding good oil or gas reserves but securing contract terms with China which allow for profit.

The sources said a Japanese field now being developed is uneconomic under current contract terms while France's Total China will have to renegotiate its contract with Peking if it wants to reap profits.

According to the sources, Total would like to develop a find in its

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egypt, Canada discuss financial aid

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Monday discussed Canadian financial assistance to his country with visiting Canadian minister of finance Mr. Roy McLaren. Canada, which is hoping Egypt will buy Canadian nuclear reactors, has agreed to provide it with \$21 million to help finance the country's ambitious nuclear energy programme. Egypt plans to build eight nuclear reactors by the turn of the century. Egyptian minister of electricity Mr. Mohammad Osman Abaza was quoted as saying Sunday that \$5 million of the assistance would be in the form of grants while the rest would be in loans involving easy repayment terms.

Manila renews contract with UAE

ABU DHABI (R) — The Philippines Sunday renewed a contract for the purchase of 5,000 barrels of oil daily from the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Philippine Energy Minister Geronimo Velasco said. He told reporters after a meeting with UAE minister of petroleum Mr. Mana Said Al Oteiba that the contract had been renewed but he declined to give the terms. He said, however, the deal would be in addition to purchases made by private companies.

Oil ministers to meet in Mexico

QUITO (OPECNA) — Oil ministers from OPEC members Ecuador and Venezuela, together with Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago, are to hold their second meeting in Mexico on Nov. 24 and 25 to discuss the regional and world oil situation. The four countries comprising the group are Latin America's largest petroleum exporters, together capable of producing six million b/d.

Dubai completes seismic surveys

DUBAI (R) — The emirate of Dubai has completed a 12-month programme of seismic surveys covering more than 2,600 square kilometres and started drilling new oil wells, an official statement said Monday. It said a further 900 square kilometres would be surveyed soon as part of the oil exploration programme in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Dubai has awarded seven exploration concessions to American and European oil companies in the past year as it seeks to boost its oil output, currently 373,000 barrels daily or a third of the UAE's total production.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices closed mixed with an easier bias after a lacklustre day's trading, dealers said. At 1500 GMT the F.T. index was down 0.8 point at 720.6.

Ackroyd and Smithers was restored to the listing after it had agreed terms with Mercury Securities for Mercury to take a 29.9 per cent stake in Ackroyd. Ackroyd, which was suspended last Monday at 585p, was quoted at 550p before settling at 530p. Mercury fell 25p to 450 on the news before rallying to 478.

Government bonds gained up to ½ point in long dated issues in quiet trading. Gold shares were off the lows in places but North American shares were mixed.

P and O fell 9p to 249 on speculation Trafalgar house does not intend to renew its bid. Among other leading industrials, ICI was unchanged on balance at 600 but GEC fell 6p to 190.

In mostly weak oils, Burmah was up 2p at 170 after 175 on a possible bid approach. Banks were off the day's best levels with Royal Bank of Scotland 2p higher at 150 after 153, on press speculation that Bat Industries, down 1p at 152, was building a stake in the bank.

A new tap stock was announced at the close for £500 million of 2½ per cent exchequer stock due 1986, dealers said.

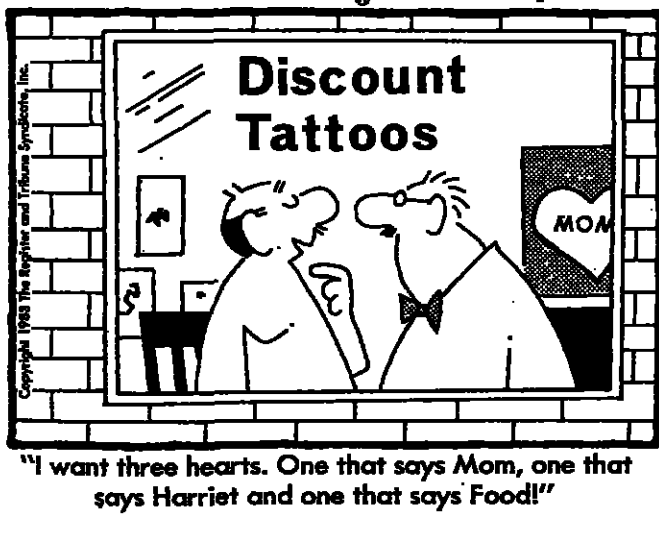
LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One sterling	1.4675/85	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2381/84	Canadian dollars
	2.7025/35	West German marks
	3.0280/90	Dutch guilders
	2.1818/28	Swiss francs
	54.91/96	Belgian francs
	8.2240/70	French francs
	1636.00/1637.00	Italian lire
	235.52/62	Japanese yen
	7.9515/65	Norwegian crowns
	7.4920/70	Swedish crowns
	9.7475/545	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	374.00/374.50	U.S. dollars

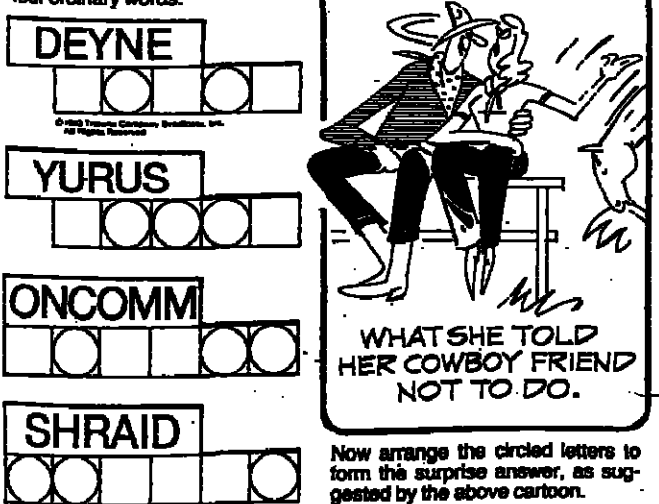
THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PANSY CRAFT HUMBLE MEMBER
Answer: What did they engrave on the robot's tombstone?—RUST IN PEACE

Dollar surges against mark

FRANKFURT (R) — The dollar rose to an 11-week high against the mark Monday as the Bonn parliament began debating plans for West German deployment of new U.S. nuclear missiles.

Currency dealers said the debate — and protest action outside the parliament (Bundestag) building in which at least 100 people were detained — has led to nervousness by foreign investors about holding mark-denominated funds.

With markets already unsettled by tension in the Middle East, the dollar held above the psychological 2.70 mark level breached on Friday and hit an 11-week high of 2.7033 at the Frankfurt fixing compared with Friday's 2.6968.

In Paris, the dollar rose to 8.2270 francs, just about one centime under its record 8.2380 fix on Aug. 11.

The pound sterling also suffered at the hands of the dollar, falling in London to \$1.4685, its lowest for almost eight months, although

firm against continental currencies.

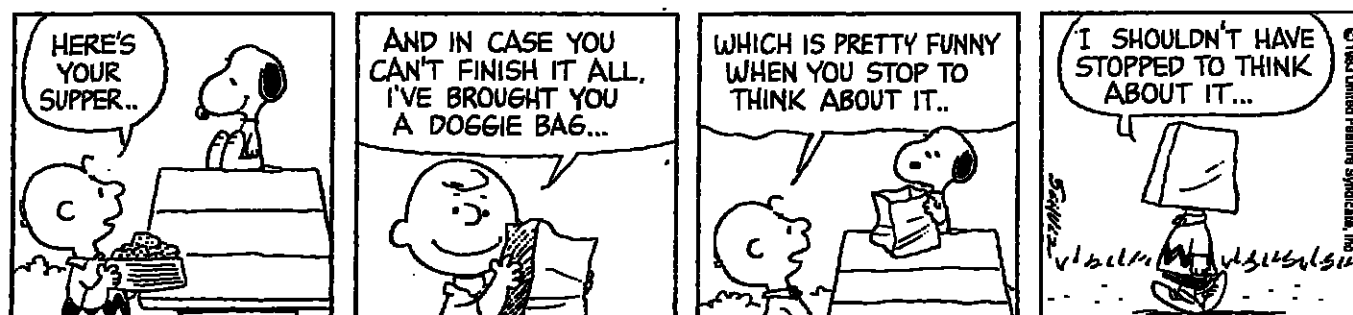
The missile debate, which Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition is expected to win Tuesday hit the exchange markets after the dollar had already risen 3½ pfennigs in the last seven days, mainly on a belief that U.S. interest rates are set to rise.

A delay by the U.S. Senate in approving a U.S. debt limit increase, finally granted at the end of last week, is likely to lead to a flood of U.S. Treasury borrowing before the end of the year, currency dealers said.

Since U.S. credit markets are traditionally under pressure to deal with a rush of credit in the last quarter, operators believe this extra volume could lead to a surge in U.S. market rates and this is boosting the dollar.

The dollar also often gains strength in times of political crisis as operators seek a safe haven for funds and has been helped by the continued fighting in Lebanon.

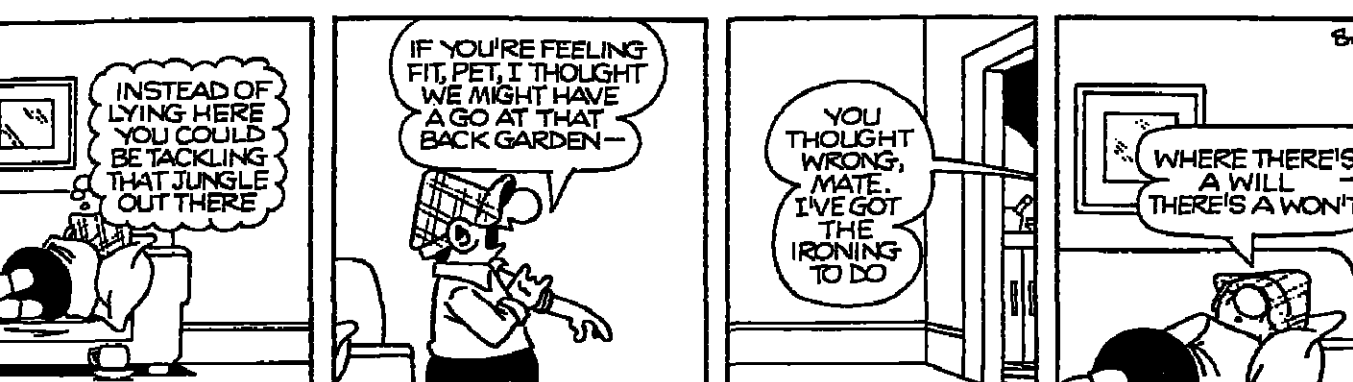
Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Don't lose out on constructive plan by being too fixed in your standpoints. Cooperate with others, and you will be able to make leaps and bounds forward. Use self-control.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Talk over future partnership affairs. You will gain understanding and profit from the views of others. Be creative in the evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Work at making arrangements that can bring a greater income soon. Listen to co-workers. Be cooperative in the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Discuss your plans and policy matters with a prominent person who can give you support. Take a positive attitude.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Converse with kin; plan a brighter future for all concerned. Avoid friends seeking your assets. Don't be glib.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Find out how to gain your personal aims more easily and become more socially popular. Do your work well.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get advice on how to increase your monetary status. Your own plans are not good. Make sure to return the favor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study some new philosophy that can help you in the future. Stop worrying about bills. Apply yourself seriously.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your obligations and handle them cleverly. Show more affection to your mate in order to gain more yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Associates and friends desire to improve relations with you. Don't sacrifice something worthwhile for small duties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Do your work well; a higher-up could be watching you. Don't jeopardize your position with temporary frivolity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have inspiring ideas; those in the business world can assist with support you need. Be ambitious.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to March 20) Discussing hopes and wishes for days ahead bring good results. Toss aside an annoying message you may get.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one who thinks it is necessary to fight for whatever is wanted. So teach early to be more cooperative and to have good manners. Once this is learned, your progeny can become an excellent salesperson.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword

by G.W. Florence

ACROSS

1 Becomes hairless

8 Lasso

10 Soliloquy start

14 Self-evident truth

15 Pinnacle

16 Object of worship

17 Surrealistic album by 36A (for short)

20 Refined

21 Employment

22 Fishers

23 A lot

25 Fabulist

28 — accomplish

29 Nab

32 Weapon: Fr.

33 Monroe or Harlow

35 Yoko — (Beatles)

36 John — (Beatles)

39 Possessive

40 Marbles

41 Tuesday

42 Understand

43 Eye part

44 War god

45 Tykes

46 Sound of pain

49 Brief appearance

52 "Choose thine —"

56 " — Hand"

58 (hit by 36A)

60 Hardy heroine

61 Rare —

62 March composer

63 Punta del —

64 Party spread

65 Evicts

DOWN

1 Ignoble

2 Skating manoeuvre

3 Cash in Milan

4 Trivial verse

5 Libel

6 Declaims

7 Elect

8 Energy

9 River in England

10 Half-boiled

11 Greek theaters

12 Wimbledon

13 Other

18 Landers

19 Fourth-down man

23 Skin disease

24 Assistants

25 — lazuli

26 Ticked off

27 Entertain

28 Worth and Knox

29 Foolish mistake

30 Slant

31 Commodities

32 Sire

33 Bank transactions

37 Clod

38 Plea by 36A

45 High-strung

46 Antlered beast

47 Nocturnal flyer

48 — on (et cetera)

49 Mention

50 Inspires with reverence

51 Spar

53 Promises to pay

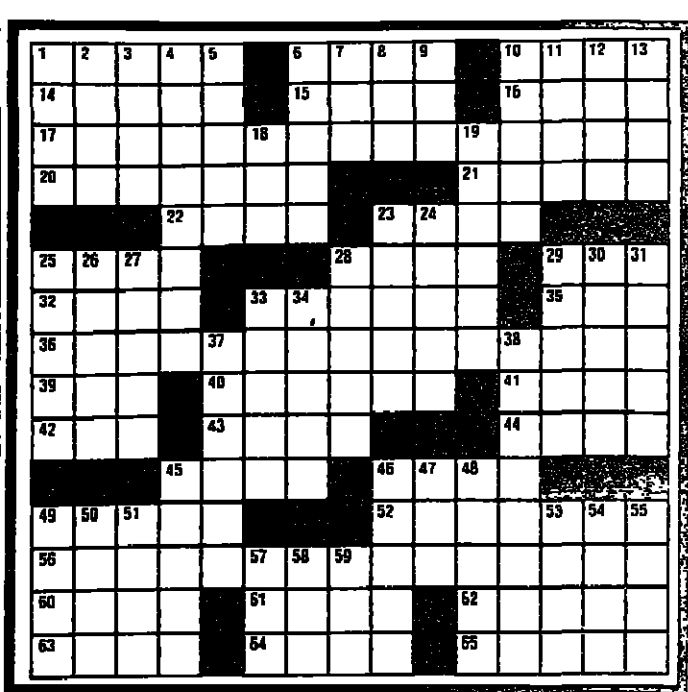
54 Necessity

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57 Spout

58 Eggs

59 Single or double



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WORLD

N. Ireland church killings raise fears of new bloodbath

BELFAST (R) — Three men died when masked gunmen burst into a Protestant church in Northern Ireland Sunday night and fired indiscriminately at the congregation.

Seven more worshippers, three of them women, were injured in the attack, responsibility for which was claimed by a previously unknown group calling itself the Catholic Reaction Force.

The most serious incident in the British ruled province for several months, it stirred fears of a new spiral of sectarian revenge killings in the south Armagh district near the border with the Irish Republic.

Pastor Bob Bains told reporters the gunmen launched their attack at the Pentecostal gospel hall in the village of Darkley soon after the service began.

"We had just finished the opening hymn when there was shooting in the doorway and the bre-

thren started diving for cover," he said.

The three dead were ushers standing by the entrance who were hit by the first burst of gunfire. A second volley sprayed the 70-strong congregation, hitting seven, the minister said.

More than 20 children were in the hall but none was injured. The gunmen escaped by car.

It was a carbon copy of an attack on another Armagh church hall in 1975, when five Protestants were killed. On that occasion revenge killings followed which left 15 more dead.

Sunday night's attack was greeted with outrage on both sides of the religious divide. Armagh's Member of Parliament, unionist Harold McCusker, said: "I hope the killers burn in hell."

Unionist party leader James Moynihan called it "an open declaration of war on Protestant people and an attempt to bring the people of Northern Ireland into bloody confrontation."

Roman Catholic primate Tomas O'Flaherty addressed himself to the gunmen: "Don't dare use the name of Catholic for your evil band. Catholic people want nothing to do with you."

But the Irish Republican Army (IRA), the main group fighting British rule in the province, issued a statement denying it was behind what it called a "blatantly sectarian shooting."

Protestants vow to defend themselves

BELFAST (R) — A Northern Ireland Protestant leader Monday threatened to raise an armed vigilante force after Sunday's shooting attack on a Protestant church congregation in which three people were killed and seven wounded.

Preacher-politician Ian Paisley said the matter was so serious that "we must take steps to defend ourselves." He said he would fly to London to lobby the British Parliament, of which he is a member.

Leaders on both sides of the border condemned the attack on the Pentecostal Gospel Hall in the village of Darkley near the border with the Irish Republic.

Responsibility was claimed by a hitherto unknown group calling itself the Catholic Reaction Force.

But police said ballistic tests showed the guns involved had been used in three earlier attacks by the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), a breakaway Republican group fighting to end British rule in the province.

James Moynihan, leader of the official Unionist Party, the main Protestant loyalist organisation in the province, called the shooting an open declaration of war on Protestants.

In the Irish Republic Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald expressed revulsion and shame "at this blasphemous sectarian massacre."

Irish Foreign Minister Peter Barry, speaking on behalf of the government, said: "The killing of innocent civilians at a religious service adds a new dimension of obscenity to the malevolent deeds of the gunmen."

Soviet search for 747 black box ended, Japan says

TOKYO (R) — Soviet ships appear to have ended their search for wreckage from the South Korean airliner shot down over the Sea of Japan in September, Japanese coast guard officers said Monday.

A Japanese vessel patrolling near the island of Moneron off the southern tip of the Soviet island of Sakhalin reported Sunday that for the first time no Soviet search ships were in the area.

At the height of the search ships and aircraft from the Soviet Union, Japan and the United States scoured the area where the Boeing 747 went down with 269 people on board after being hit by a Soviet missile.

U.S. wants computer back from Sweden

WASHINGTON (R) — Sweden is considering whether U.S. computer equipment seized at a Swedish port while illegally bound for the Soviet Union can be returned to the United States, U.S. officials said.

The U.S. customs service confirmed that Swedish authorities were guarding the four containers of components for a highly advanced computer capable of guiding missile systems.

A customs official said negotiations were being held with the Swedish government and a private Swedish firm for return of the cargo, valued at nearly \$2 million.

It is the remaining part of a shipment originally sent to South Africa under a U.S. export licence but illegally diverted via Hamburg, West Germany, to Sweden for eventual transfer to the Soviet Union.

A customs official declined to say how the computer system, a VAX 11-782 manufactured by Digital Equipment Corporation of Massachusetts, was diverted from South Africa.

Millions in U.S. watch TV film on nuclear war

NEW YORK (R) — Millions of Americans Sunday night watched a controversial television film which has fuelled a heated disarmament debate with its portrayal of horrific effects of nuclear war on a small U.S. town.

An ABC-television spokesman said about two thirds of the 1.075 calls the network received after the showing were favourable.

In a special programme immediately after the film, Secretary of State George Shultz described it as showing nuclear war to be unacceptable and said the Reagan administration was doing its best to prevent the use of nuclear weapons.

The film depicts in powerful and depressing detail the impact and aftermath of a nuclear attack near Lawrence, Kansas.

For weeks prior to the showing, psychiatrists, doctors and educators debated its potential effects on viewers. Children under 12 were urged not to watch.

President Reagan, who saw the two-and-a-half-hour film last week, said his policies would prevent it becoming reality. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president welcomed the dialogue the film would generate.

Mr. Shultz said Sunday night the Reagan administration was working to reduce the number of nuclear weapons and that this was its top priority.

Dallas takes 20 years to lose stigma

By David Finch

DALLAS (R) — Washington, Los Angeles and Buffalo have all seen the assassination of United States presidents, yet none of these cities has been branded with the stigma suffered by Dallas, where President John F. Kennedy was shot dead 20 years ago Tuesday.

The event was so traumatic that many people around the world recall exactly where they were and what they were doing when they heard the shocking news: First that "the president has been shot in Dallas," followed shortly by "the president is dead."

Dallas residents maintain they did not deserve the "city of hate" label pinned on their town and the word-association which for many people instantly linked "Dallas" with "Kennedy" or "assassination" for years after the killing.

"I think the image was a false one," said Dallas county Democratic Party chairman Bob Greengard, a sentiment echoed by Mayor Starke Taylor and other city leaders.

They feel the image of the city is finally changing for the better and shedding its 1960s label as a notorious hotbed of rightwing firebrands.

There was Baptist minister W.A. Criswell who in 1960, the year Mr. Kennedy was elected president, thundered to his congregation: "The election of a Catholic as president would mean the end of religious freedom in America."

One of his parishioners, oil billionaire H.L. Hunt, funded rightwing causes.

Gen. Edwin Walker moved to Dallas and set up shop as a super-patriot organizer after being forced to resign from the U.S. army for distributing rightwing literature.

Arch-conservative Republican Congressman Bruce Alger organized several hundred women followers into protest squads.

Publisher Ted Dealey used his Dallas Morning News to print bombastic diatribes against alleged communist dupes and often blasted Mr. Kennedy as a prime example.

The climate was ripe for incidents and they happened. Mr. Kennedy's running-mate, Lyndon Johnson, and his wife were jostled and spat upon by Mr. Alger's women followers when they visited Dallas on a 1960 campaign appearance.

In October 1963, the month before Mr. Kennedy's fateful visit, U.N. ambassador Adlai Stevenson, a hero of American liberals, was hit with a placard and spat upon by a protester in Dallas.

Against the advice of some worried aides, Mr. Kennedy included Dallas on a Texas political trip aimed at healing rifts among local Democratic leaders. To avoid the city, he reasoned, might be seen as cowardice.

What many feared might happen, did: Lee Harvey Oswald, a Marxist and as such an odd-man-out in Dallas, gave the city its moment of infamy with the shots he fired into Mr. Kennedy from a window in the Texas school book depository.

Two days later, as millions watched on national television, Oswald was himself gunned down while under police escort. The killer was Jack Ruby, a nightclub owner, Kennedy admirer and another outsider who hailed originally from Chicago.

Mayor Taylor says the Kennedy murder forced city leaders to re-examine their community and

resulted in "goals for Dallas," a privately funded project that established self-improvement targets.

Now, in response to the word "Dallas," television addicts in many countries might reply "J.R." American sports fans would instantly blurt "Cowboys," while in the business community the response might be "Sunbelt," in reference to the southwestern locale that has become a mecca for new industry and residents.

The evil smile of J.R. Ewing on the popular "Dallas" television soap opera show and the opening shot of Southfork ranch are familiar to millions of viewers around the world.

The Dallas Cowboys, a losing three-year-old professional football team when Mr. Kennedy was killed, have matured into a perennially successful club sometimes called "America's team."

And business has boomed. American Airlines, Diamond Shamrock and Caltex are just three of many firms that have moved their headquarters to Dallas, making it the number three U.S. corporate headquarters city after New York and Chicago.

With business has come workers and the population of Dallas County has swelled from 950,000 to 1.56 million in the two decades since 1960.

"We have had a lot of new people who have come here from all over the country, and all over the world," said Mayor Taylor. "Consequently we've become more moderate. We've become a more international city."

He conceded that Dallas 20 years ago "had a very strong rightwing element and they were certainly very vocal. But after the assassination, you didn't hear too much more from them."

"Dallas is a different city from what it was then," remarked David Fox, chairman of the Dallas welcoming committee for next year's Republican Party national convention.

"It had a perception of being a closed, ultra-conservative society. I'm not sure that was ever true and it certainly isn't true now."

Mr. Fox added: "There's no question it's a conservative city, but there are conservative Democrats as well as conservative Republicans."

Democratic Party leader Greengard also argues that the "city of hate" label was false and says the "Dallas" TV show image of a big-rich society driven by greed and deceit is equally false.

"The Cowboys (football club) are a better example of just what Dallas represents," Mr. Greengard said. "They're imaginative, dynamic, hard-working, vital. And they're successful."

Queen Elizabeth back in Delhi as Commonwealth leaders arrive

HYDERABAD, INDIA (R) — Queen Elizabeth returned to Delhi Monday night as Commonwealth leaders from around the globe start assembling in the Indian capital for a summit conference opening on Wednesday.

The 57-year-old British monarch, who heads the 48-nation grouping, will Tuesday start four days of audiences with visiting heads of government.

The conference will be opened by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The queen plays only a symbolic role.

But she is head of state of 18 Commonwealth countries, including the Caribbean island of Grenada, recently invaded by a U.S.-led force.

She is highly informed about world events after 68 foreign tours during her 31 years on the throne and is in regular contact with many of the organisation's political leaders.

The queen stayed overnight in this historic southern city, after celebrating her 36th wedding anniversary Sunday with Prince Philip, 62. He joined her after riding elephant-back in search of tigers at a game park in Central India.

Commonwealth leaders arrive

Meanwhile, leaders of 12 African, Asian and Caribbean states began arriving in New Delhi Monday for the Commonwealth summit as police tightened security in the city and banned all demonstrations.

The first to arrive for the conference beginning on Wednesday was Barbados Prime Minister John Adams.

Officials said Sri Lanka's President Junius Jayawardene was expected to hold talks with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on moves designed to defuse ethnic tension in his country after his arrival later Monday.

Sixteen presidents and prime ministers are expected Tuesday, including Britain's Margaret Thatcher and Canada's Pierre Trudeau.

Five leaders are due on Wednesday, and Commonwealth sources said they expected Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou to arrive from New York on Saturday. The declaration of independence by Turkish Cypriots is expected to be a major issue discussed at the summit.

India has received firm travel plans of 33 Commonwealth leaders, officials said.

They do not expect Grenada to be represented but the U.S. invasion of the island is expected to be one of the most contentious topics on the summit agenda.

Police have banned all demonstrations for three weeks as part of a security clampdown to protect the foreign leaders.

The carrying of knives, firearms and explosives has been prohibited and some 30,000 extra troops have been brought into the capital to man checkpoints and roadblocks.

COLUMN

Soviet clubs said degrading to women

MOSCOW (R) — Clubs set up in the past five years all over the Soviet Union to help the unattached find a spouse have failed because their purpose was too obvious, a Moscow newspaper said.

The weekly Sovetskaya Kultura said the clubs had become insulting and degrading to women. They were stalking grounds for lecherous men. The Soviet Union has a population imbalance which means there are almost twice as many unmarried women as unmarried men. It also has one of the world's highest divorce rates, and its millions of single people are viewed as a serious social problem.

Don Juan denies giving interview

MADRID (R) — Don Juan de Borbon, father of King Juan Carlos of Spain, Monday denied having given an interview in which he was quoted as saying a military coup would have done away with monarchy. In a statement, Don Juan's household said the interview published Sunday by the popular daily Diario 16 "did not take place, because his royal highness does not grant them as a rule."

The daily published a series of photographs of Don Juan during a hunt and quoted him as saying that if a 1981 attempted coup by civil guards had succeeded it would have eliminated monarchy, which was now a synonym of democracy.

Chewing gum an evil in Singapore

SINGAPORE (R) — Singapore, which already ostracises men with long hair, says it is ready to add chewing gum to its list of social evils. Culture Minister Suppiah Dhanabalan announced he had banned radio and television advertisements for chewing gum and the government might consider more drastic measures if manufacturers did not include disposal instructions on packets. "I personally consider it rather obnoxious seeing very good looking young boys or girls wandering about with their jaws moving like cows chewing cud," said Mr. Dhanabalan, who described the habit as a social evil and harmful to the environment. "I can visualise what will happen," he added. "We will be the only place in the world that has banned chewing gum. I'm not worried about that."

Penalty causes drop in Chinese crime

PEKING (R) — China's crime rate has dropped dramatically in the few months since the government began a severe crackdown on criminals through widespread executions and harsh prison terms, the New China News Agency (NCNA) said. Since the anti-crime campaign began in August, the authorities have executed thousands of people, according to court and media reports. From August to September, overall crime figures were cut in half, while major cases fell by a third, NCNA said, adding the decline has since continued. Those sentenced to death have included many "economic" criminals, and youths have been executed for street fighting and insulting women.

34 Thais die in factory collapse

BANGKOK (R) — At least 34 people were killed and 46 injured in the collapse of a doll factory at the weekend, police said Monday. As the search for victims continued, they said seven or eight bodies were believed to be trapped in the debris. Police could not confirm a press report that 44 people were missing but said it was possible they might have escaped and did not report to police. They are still seeking the cause of the collapse of the two-storey building in Lamlooka District of Pathum Thani Province, 35 kilometres north of Bangkok, on Saturday. It was being expanded to add one or more storeys. Police said some of the victims drowned because the area around the factory was under 30 cms of flood water. Rescue workers said 27 women and a child were among the dead. Factory officials said 87 employees had registered for work on Saturday.



Hu Yaobang

Chinese leader to visit Japan

PEKING (R) — Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang leaves for Japan on Wednesday on his first visit to a non-communist country.

Diplomats said a major talking point during his week-long visit would be the possible transfer of Soviet missiles from Europe to the Far East under an arms reduction agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Both Japan and China have expressed strong opposition to the idea, fearing that the missiles could be used against them.

During a recent visit to Japan, President Reagan guaranteed that the United States would not sacrifice Asian interests in its negotiations with Moscow.

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone was expected to question Mr. Hu closely on his attitude to last month's bombing in Rangoon which killed 17 South Korean officials.

China is closely allied with North Korea, which has been blamed by Burma for the bombing, and Japanese officials hope Mr. Hu will say he is putting pressure on Pyongyang to refrain from violence, the diplomats said.

Japan and China have enjoyed close diplomatic and economic relations since they established official links in 1972. But suspicion between the two countries runs deep as a result of Japan's occupation of China from 1937-45.

Many Chinese remember Japanese atrocities committed during the occupation. Plans to gloss over massacres and other acts of brutality in officially-approved Japanese textbooks last year threatened a crisis in Sino-Japanese relations.

Japan backed down eventually under intense pressure from China and neighbouring countries. But the Chinese press has continued to publish occasional articles expressing concern at what it sees as a growth in Japanese militarism.

Diplomats said Mr. Hu was not expected to stress these worries but would express his concern and may raise the matter at a high level if problems arise in other fields.

They said the fact that Japan was China's biggest trading partner resulted inevitably in friction over financing, pricing and other matters which caused ripples beneath the calm surface of Sino-Japanese relations.

Trade between China and Japan totalled \$8.6 billion last year. In 1981 it reached a record \$10 billion.

Mr. Hu, who became party chief in 1981, remains a little-known figure outside China. He visited a few communist countries, including Romania and Yugoslavia, earlier this year.



Lech Walesa

Solidarity to fight Polish food price increases

WARSAW (R) — Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa met underground leaders of the banned union secretly at the weekend to coordinate efforts to fight food price rises planned by the Polish government, opposition sources said Monday.

A communique signed by Mr. Walesa and the underground national coordinating commission (TKK) headed by Zbigniew Bujak said it was "the union's obligation to organise struggle in defence of people's interests."

The communique, made available to Western journalists in Warsaw, said the meeting took place on Saturday night at the same time as a plenum of the Communist Party central committee which was discussing the food price issue as part of an examination of the future of Poland's economy.

The government debate on the economy was moving to parliament Monday following a central committee decision to toughen the country's economic reform programme.

Monday's underground communique did not say what action was planned against the authorities, who have told the country they want to increase food prices by an average of 10 to 15 per cent on Jan. 1.

Mr. Bujak called earlier this month for action in key industries which would disrupt production and ensure that production targets were not met.

"Every act of protest against

these price rises is completely justified," the 28-year-old former tractor factory worker said in a communique last Friday.

Mr. Walesa, who is watched constantly, gave the authorities the slip in order to leave his home in the Baltic port of Gdansk to attend the meeting with Mr. Bujak, the underground leader most wanted by the authorities.

Solidarity said: "The proposed food price increases will not be a solution to the economic problems of the country. They will lead to a drop in the living standards of ordinary people and mean that a majority of families cannot satisfy their needs."

"Working people cannot agree to food price increases. It is the union's obligation to organise struggles in defence of people's interests," it added.

The government will finalise its price proposals next month after consulting with the public intended to defuse the risk of unrest.

Nicaragua, fearing U.S. attack, mobilises militia

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua has mobilised militia forces as defence preparations intensified following fresh government warnings that an invasion involving U.S. troops was imminent.

Defence Minister Humberto Ortega told a press conference that between 200,000 and 300,000 members of the popular Sandinista militia — the country's second fighting force after the regular army — had been mobilised and armed throughout the country.

In a broadcast Sunday government radio warned that a U.S. invasion could occur "within hours" and said militia members were digging trenches designed to minimise the effects of bomb attacks and strafing runs.

The digging of trenches began

on Wednesday after invasion warnings by the ruling National Sandinista Liberation Front (FSLN), which came to power in 1979 after a popular revolution ousted U.S.-supported dictator Anastasio Somoza.

Invasion fears, heightened by last month's intervention in Grenada, have been spurred by U.S. military exercises currently underway in neighbouring Honduras, the closest U.S. ally in the region.

On Friday 1,800 U.S. Marines and 500 Honduran troops landed on the northern Honduran coast in a mock seaborne assault. Honduran military commanders said the exercise was based on the hypothesis that Honduras had requested U.S. help to combat rebels in control of strategic installations.

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YOU BE THE JUDGE

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 643
♥ A J 8 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 3
♣ 2

WEST
♠ A
♥ K 10
♦ A K 9 8 6 2
♣ 5 4 3

EAST
♠ K 8 7 5 2
♥ Q 6 3
♦ Q
♠ A J 10 9 8

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9
♥ 9 5
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 7 6

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass
Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♠.

Last month, this hand was posed as a problem. Readers were asked to decide which, in their opinion, was the worst bid of the auction. Also, who was most responsible for missing the excellent five club contract, East or West. The player who made the worst bid was not necessarily the party who had to bear the greatest share of guilt.

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